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Founder, G. U. O. O. F. in America.

THE OFFICIAL
HISTORY AND MANUAL
OF THE
GRAND UNITED ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS
IN AMERICA.
A CHRONOLOGICAL TREATISE

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OF THE VARIOUS OFFICERS IN EVERY BRANCH OF

ODD FELLOWSHIP

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PREFACE.

ACKNOWLEDGING first my high appreciation of the distinguished honor conferred upon me by the Sub-Committee of Management in appointing me to prepare this volume, I undertake the preparation of an historical treatise of the origin, growth and development of Odd Fellowship among Colored men in America with no little degree of trepidation. To treat accurately and chronologically of all important events is not a difficult matter, because the records of the S. C. of M. have been fairly well kept; but to properly discuss the principles, purposes and benefits of Odd Fellowship, to unfold the duties and responsibilities of its members and officers, to make a consistent interpretation of its laws, rules and regulations is a task that will test the qualifications of its most capable and experienced members.

Without any attempt at refined classical English, or flowery diction, I have gathered up the fragmentary facts of our Fraternity, classified and arranged the principal events of our growth and development, and respectfully submit them to our noble and benevolent Brotherhood to test its value and measure out to it the share of approval it merits.

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is for the general reader. It contains an accurate history of the introduction and growth of the Order in America, so far as the records of the S. C. of M. and Committee of Management, England, show. Also its traditions and legendary history handed down from the time of its origin in Europe and Asia Minor.

THE SECOND PART

is prepared especially for members of the Order. It is a treatise upon the government, the objects, the benefits, the principles and purposes of Odd Fellowship. It contains a history of the degrees, emblems and duties of the members. While it is addressed to members of the Order, yet those not of the Order may read a page with profit to themselves and without violating the secrecy of our laws.

THE THIRD PART

contains various forms of petitions, ceremonies, charges, appeals, etc.

Trusting our Heavenly Father may approve the mission of this volume, and that it may prove to be a faithful preserver of the early history and achievements of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows in America, I have the honor to subscribe myself,

Yours in F., L. and T.,

C. H. BROOKS, *Grand Secretary.*

Philadelphia, Pa., July 1, 1902.



CHARLES H. BROOKS,
Grand Secretary, G. U. O. O .F. in America.



PART FIRST.

HISTORY OF ODD FELLOWSHIP.

CHAPTER I.

ORIGIN OF THE ORDER.

SECTION I. *Of the Origin in General.*—The exact origin of Odd Fellowship is involved in obscurity. It must have had a beginning; but just when and where no historian has ever been able to ascertain. All of its history prior to the introduction of the Order into England is merely conjecture founded upon proofless, and, in most cases, absurd traditions.

For instance, one tradition declares that the Order originated with the Huns, Scandinavians, and Goths;—fierce and warlike barbarian races or tribes that existed in nomadic families in the uncivilized parts of Europe till the fourth century, when they poured themselves in irresistible numbers into Southern Europe and destroyed every vestige of civil government then practiced by the Romans. If the deeds of violence and cruelty which marked their advent into the Roman Empire, as recorded in ancient history, be true, it is proof positive that Odd Fellowship did not originate with these tribes.

Another tradition traces it back to the time of the Jewish priesthood and makes Moses and Aaron the founders. Which is barely possible but not very probable. Still another says: It originated with the Emperor Nero, A. D. 55, and that the members of the society were called by various names until A. D. 79, when Titus Cæsar dubbed them "Odd Fellows," because of the singularity of their signs and public ceremonies.

Another tradition has its beginning with two bodies of men, one at Eleusis, in Greece, and the other at Teos, Asia Minor. The latter being incorporated by the King of Pergamos long before the Roman Empire was founded. The tradition coming nearest to the accepted history of the Order is this: Odd Fellow-

ship was introduced into Spain some time during the fifth century, and in the following century it was carried into Portugal; from there to France in the twelfth century; whence it was carried to England by John De Neuville and five knights of France, who formed a "Loyal Grand Lodge of Honor."

There is no accounting for these various and contradictory traditions, unless it be to that love of mystery and blind veneration for antiquity which takes possession of nearly every writer of secret works. Without doubt, however, secret societies have existed from time immemorial; and the records of human history as evidenced in picture-writing and ancient hieroglyphics furnish proof of the early existence of these associations among nearly all the nations of the earth. It is admitted, too, that they have everywhere accompanied, if they have not advanced civilization, and have been the conservators of religious, scientific and political truths.

P. G. M., W. A. Pledger, who delivered the oration before the Nashville B. M. C., November 29, 1888, said, "Secret organizations are not creatures of this age. They date back to the time of the building of Noah's Ark, the building of the Tower of Babel, and Solomon's Temple. The Masonic fraternity, *from which springs this grand fraternity of ours*, is perhaps the oldest secret society."

The speaker neglected to give a single reason for asserting that Odd Fellowship sprang out of Free Masonry. The claim has been often made before and since, but few speakers or writers have ever attempted to prove it. The Order of Odd Fellows is truly a "Friendly Society," and always has been. Its fundamental principles and distinguishing characteristics are as different from those of Masonry as chalk is from cheese. The rich and poor, the high and low, the Prince and Peasant, men of every rank and station in life are and always have been admitted to Odd Fellowship on equal footing. Not so with Free Masonry.

The principles of our Order, which I propose to discuss in another chapter further on, being so unlike those of other secret societies, I am constrained to reject the idea that Odd Fellowship sprang out of Free Masonry, and to agree with an eminent Past Grand Master of the Independent Order, who declared "that although we may discover a similitude in the fact of initiation, in rites, ceremonies, and in gradations of degrees, between other institutions and Odd Fellowship, yet we will find no traces of those principles of fraternity which distinguish eminently our affiliation." And then, "to claim for Odd Fellowship, affinity

with secret institutions which had their origin in periods of time when the passions of men were fiercest, and the midnight of idolatry overshadowed and blighted the promptings of the human heart" is but to debase its benign principles of human fraternity.

"Odd Fellowship invokes not the aid or sanction of such ages to consecrate its principles; and if, in truth, these could be summoned to attest its antiquity, they would rather awaken just indignation against its character, than serve to commend its merits to an enlightened public opinion."

In view of the admitted fact that no authentic record of its origin can be found, let us assume that its benign principles have been drawn from the image reflected upon man in his creation, and that the teachings of the Bible suggested the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man—the foundation-stone of our Order.

SECTION 2. *Of the Origin in England.* The first authentic history we have of the existence of Odd Fellowship in Great Britain is in the latter part of the eighteenth century. Yet, strange to say, no one can give the exact date of its introduction. It is commonly believed that the "Loyal Grand Lodge of Honor," which tradition says was established in England by five knights from France at some period between the twelfth and eighteenth century, was the parent organization of Odd Fellows. However, that may be we know the Order existed in England in the eighteenth century. Authentic fragmentary records of the existence of Lodges in England at that time are valuable relics in the possession of some brethren in England to-day.

The following original document, presented to the Editor of the English *Quarterly Report and Magazine* by the District Secretary of Macclesfield District, was kindly sent by Grand Secretary Livesey for the use of the author in the preparation of his book:

UNITED ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS,

GRAND LODGE, BOHEMIA TAVERN, WYCH STREET STRAND,

MIDDLESEX, SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 1798.

In the Book of Constitution and Journal of Proceedings of the above Lodge, held this day, is found as follows: On the motion of the Grand Master, and by the consent of the Provincial Lodge of this Order, held at the Bull and Mouth Inn, Sheffield, in the County of York.—It is ordered that the Lodge of Odd-fellows lately opened and now held at the George Inn, in the

Market Place, Sheffield, as aforesaid, be received into the union, and enrolled among the Provincial United Lodges, and that a Bond of union be granted to such Lodge accordingly.

Now, therefore, be it remembered that I, the undersigned, the Grand Master of the Order, do hereby certify and declare the said new Lodge to be a lawful United Lodge in this Order, and the Union do hereby bind themselves and the said new Lodge in Strong Friendship and amity, hereby assures them of the protection of the Grand Lodge, as long as the Laws of the Order shall be observed. Given under my hand, the day and year above written.

(Signed)

RICHARD CORNER, Grand Master.

T. SMITH, Grand Secretary.

I, the most Noble Grand of the Provincial Lodge of Odd-fellows, held at Bull and Mouth Inn, Sheffield, do testify the consent of my Lodge to the granting of the Bond of Union.

(Signed)

THOMAS COCKBURN.

October 30th, 1837.—I, James Sunderland, the present Grand Secretary in the G. U. O., do declare the above to be a true copy of the Dispensation now in the Amicable Lodge, Sheffield, which Lodge formerly belonged to the Grand United Order, but declared their independence in the year 1813.

The foregoing document appeared in the English Report in March, 1893, and is vouched for by members of unquestioned veracity. The author, thinking that the late Grand Secretary of the Committee of Management could give the exact date of the organization of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows in England, addressed a letter to him asking for this information and other data. The following is his reply:

COMMITTEE ROOMS,

24 Devonshire Street, Oxford Street, Chorlton on Medlock.

GRAND UNITED ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS,

MANCHESTER, OCTOBER 27, 1893.

DEAR BRO. BROOKS:

Replying to yours of recent date, I regret to inform you that the early history of the G. U. O. in England is a dead letter with respect to any reliable data. But the contention of our old members is, the I. O. of O. M. Unity was the first split from the G. U. O. in the year 1813, whilst the National Independent Order

of Odd Fellows was a split from the M. Unity to O. Then follows the Nottingham Imperial O. of O. and others to the number of thirty-four different Odd Fellow societies.

Up to 1837 our own Society was managed by the Grand Lodge, which elected their own officers and filled all vacancies of members in the said Grand Lodge. And at the breaking up of the Grand Lodge and introduction of our present system of general meetings, electing all officers and Committee of Management, report says the books containing the early and chequered history of the Society were destroyed, and I can't say the date of the Australia first dispensation for the same reason.

With respect to the difference between the Manchester Unity and our own, there is certainly a slight difference in the Rituals and General Management; but the objects, contributions and benefits are much the same in all the thirty-four different Odd Fellow Societies. The difference is more in name than reality; as well as the Foresters, Druids, Shepherds, Free Gardeners, etc., etc., too numerous to mention.

Sorry I can give nothing reliable about our own early Society.

Wishing success to your undertaking, I remain, faithfully and fraternally yours,

W. LIVESEY, Grand Secretary, England.

To MR. C. H. BROOKS, Grand Secretary, America.

The author was not surprised to hear the regretful admissions from the Grand Secretary respecting the origin of the Order in England, because he had given the subject of Odd Fellowship five years' study, and had never been able to ascertain this fact.

This letter was requested because we desired to insert it in this history that it might be handed down to future generations, and that the Odd Fellows of this day should have no reason to doubt the authenticity of this chapter.

The Union Order or Grand United Order embraced all Lodges in England until 1813, when the first split or secession occurred. The seceding Lodges formed a union and styled themselves "Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Manchester Unity." This Order grew rapidly, and in less than thirty years had over 400,000 members in England and America. But they were not permitted to enjoy many years of harmony and unity, for dissection soon sprang up among them, and their Lodges, having been taught the lesson of secession, many of them split off and

established other Orders. The Grand United Order, the parent stock, also lost others, and so to-day we have thirty-four different Orders of Odd Fellows. The most prominent among them are: The I. O. of O. F., America, 747,295 members; the I. O. of O., Manchester Unity, 717,871 members, the G. U. O. of O. F., 174,536; the National I. O. of O. F., 56,083; Nottingham Ancient Imperial U. O. of O. F., 42,866; Ancient Noble O. of U. O. F., Bolton Unity, 28,000; also the I. I. O. O., S. L. U., I. O. O., Kent Unity; British United Order of Odd Fellows, and Derby Midland United O. of O. F., The above figures are taken from the official reports for the year 1893.

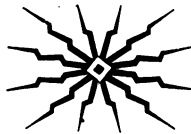
This brings us to the beginning of Odd Fellowship on this side of the Atlantic.

SECTION 3. *Of the Origin in the United States.*—The first regularly constituted Lodge in America was set apart April 26, 1819, at Baltimore, Md. The meeting was called, and the Lodge was organized by Thomas Wildey, a blacksmith by trade, and Englishman by birth, and an American citizen by adoption. The Lodge was styled Washington Lodge, No. 1, and was instituted to work after the Union Order. However, it shortly afterward changed its working and organization to the Independent Order, and accordingly applied to that Order for a charter. The charter was granted through the Duke of York's Lodge, Preston, Manchester Unity, February 1, 1820; but was not received until October 23 of the same year. Prior to this time it was claimed that Lodges were started in Baltimore in 1802; in New York in 1806, and several other cities. But it seems that these were all formed by self-institution, and were not regularly chartered bodies by the fountain-head in England. The charter granted to Washington Lodge at Baltimore in 1820 also constituted this Lodge the "Grand Lodge of Maryland and the United States," with power to charter Lodges accordingly. By authority of this complex charter the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was instituted June 11, 1823; the Grand Lodge of New York June 24, 1823; the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania June 27, 1823. On account of the dissatisfaction among the Grand Lodges of the other States, Maryland agreed to give up her rights under her charter and unite with the other States in forming a distinct National Grand Lodge. So, on the 22nd of February, 1825, the Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., Manchester Unity, held its first annual convocation, it having been organized on the fifteenth day of the preceding month. And thus it continued working under the authority, and in harmony with Manchester Unity

until 1843, when it seceded and declared itself "the only fountain and depository of Independent Odd Fellowship on the globe." The historians of that Order say the causes which impelled them to this separation were "that the Manchester Unity had abandoned the ancient work and land-marks of the Order, as well as violated its principles and attempted to invade our chartered rights." But the careful reader will observe that there are other reasons, and perhaps the principal ones which prompted this act of severance, viz.: 1. The Lodges in this country desired to be relieved of the obligation of granting pecuniary assistance to visiting brethren from England. 2. It was the re-assertion of that same spirit of secession which first made itself manifest in 1813.

Before leaving this subject the author right here desires to correct a very erroneous impression with respect to the separation of the Independent Order from the Grand United Order. It has been so often asserted that the White Odd Fellows of America in 1843 absolved their allegiance and affiliation with the White Odd Fellows of England because the latter granted a Dispensation to open a Colored Lodge in New York City, until it is generally believed; but such was not the case. The Independent Order in America was chartered by the Independent Order, Manchester Unity, England, and was therefore not a part of the Grand United Order. Thirty years before the first Colored Lodge was established, the I. O., Manchester Unity, seceded from the Order which authorized the establishment of Colored Lodges in this country. By a singular coincidence the White Lodges in America declared their independence of the Manchester Unity the very same year that the first Colored Lodge was established. This fact may have given credence to the error into which many of us have been led.

Now we come to the subject of this volume.



INTRODUCTION AND GROWTH
OF THE
GRAND UNITED ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS
IN AMERICA.

CHAPTER II.

HISTORY OF ODD FELLOWSHIP AMONG COLORED MEN.

Prior to 1843 there were several bodies of white men at Pottsville, Pa., and vicinity, operating under the name of the Grand United Order. But these alleged Lodges were never recognized by the Committee of Management. They were formed by self-institution, and were composed mostly of foreigners, who, up to 1847, had been in the United States long enough to become so thoroughly inoculated with color prejudice that they declined to confer with the duly accredited Deputy from England because he was a black man.

1843.

SECTION I. *Institution of the First Lodge, 1843.*—The free colored men residing in New York City and Philadelphia organized and maintained societies for literary improvement and social pleasures many years before the Civil War. The leading organization in the former city was styled the Philomathean Institute; and in the latter city, the Philadelphia Library Company and Debating Society. The thinking men in these societies soon saw the need of societies for mutual aid and protection in case of sickness and distress.

Quite naturally they turned to the "Friendly Society" of Odd Fellows, and accordingly, in 1842, Patrick H. Reason, James Fields and others, of New York, petitioned the I. O. O. F. for a dispensation on behalf of Philomathean Institute, which organization had already resolved itself into an association with a view of becoming an Odd Fellow's Lodge. It is said that the petitioners were treated with contempt, and their application peremptorily refused. However, our early brethren were not so

easily repulsed, but continued negotiations with some kindly disposed members of that Order, who held out the vain hope that the dispensation would ultimately be granted. About that time, Peter Ogden, a colored man, steward of the ship Patrick Henry, sailing between New York and Liverpool, England, arrived in New York, and was informed of the desire of the colored men and of the effort to obtain admission to Odd Fellowship in this country.

Peter Ogden, having already become an Odd Fellow by initiation into Victoria Lodge, No. 448, at Liverpool, endeavored to dissuade the men from making application to the Order in the United States. He thought it folly, a waste of time, if not self-respect, to stand, hat in hand, at the foot-stool of a class of men who, professing benevolence and fraternity, were most narrow and contracted, a class of men who judged another, not by principle and character, but by the shape of the nose, the curl of the hair, and the hue of the skin. He averred that the dispensation could be secured through his Lodge in Liverpool, and that to be connected with England and the Grand United Order was to obtain Odd Fellowship in its pristine purity.

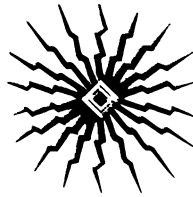
Yet the forlorn hope held out to the Association at New York had given the members some encouragement, and they did not readily accept Peter Ogden's advice. So, after several more ineffectual attempts to procure a charter, the members of the Association were sickened and convinced that the Independent Order would never grant it, and for no other reason under Heaven than that the petitioners were colored men. Then they accepted Peter Ogden's philosophy and his generous offer to ask for a dispensation through his Lodge, Victoria, No. 448. As the duly accredited deputy of these, our early brethren, he went on his mission. Braving the dangers of the deep, Peter Ogden arrived safely in Liverpool, Eng., and to Victoria Lodge he presented his application. The Lodge did not hesitate, it is said, but gladly accepted. In the presence of Peter Ogden and others it immediately communicated with the Committee of Management at the headquarters, then at Leeds. The Committee of Management, being true Odd Fellows indeed, and knowing no men by color, were overjoyed at this promised extension of the Order in America, and therefore promptly granted the dispensation to institute

PHILOMATHEAN LODGE, No. 646, NEW YORK, N. Y.

which was duly set apart on the first day of March, 1843, and from that time we date our beginning in America.

WHY THE FIRST NUMBER IS 646.

The question has often been asked why the first Lodge is not No. 1, and why do the breaks appear in the numerical order of our dispensations? The reason is: Because all dispensations of the Grand United Order are issued first from the Committee of Management, England, and are numbered consecutively by them without regard to what Sub-Committee or country they go. For instance: all Lodges from 1 to 645 are in England; and the numbers from 647 to 709 were granted to English Lodges after our first number, 646, was granted and before we applied for the second, 710.



CHAPTER III.

THE FIRST SUB-COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT, 1844.

SECTION I. On the 21st day of February, 1844, Philomathean Lodge, No. 646, met; and under the direction of P. G. M. Peter Ogden, elected the first S. C. of M. The following members of that Lodge were chosen to constitute this board for one year, viz.:

JAMES FIELDS, Grand Master,
TIMOTHY SEAMAN, Deputy Grand Master,
FRANCIS MYERS, Grand Secretary.

DIRECTORS.

CHARLES WILLETTS, CHARLES STEWART,
ULYSSES B. VIDAL, HENRY SMITH,
DAVID WORMSLEY.

The S. C. of M. held its first meeting February 29, 1844, in the Philomathean Lodge room. The dispensation to Hamilton Lodge, No. 710, New York City, was granted at this meeting.

The first Sub-Committee of Management was elected by authority of, and in conformity with, the following document, which was presented in person to Philomathean Lodge by P. G. M. Peter Ogden, February 21, 1844:

WARRANT FROM THE C. OF M., ENGLAND.

Dec. 22, 1843.

RESOLUTIONS passed by the Committee on Management the 19th day of December, 1843:

I. That the Philomathean Lodge, No. 646, be empowered to form a Sub-Committee of Management, of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, of America, subject to resolutions and under the control of the Committee of Management of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, England, of eight past officers, if possible, to carry out the extension of our Order, in granting Dispensations, etc., across the Atlantic until the A. M. C. in 1844, viz.: G. M., D. G. M., G. S. and five Directors.

II. That the Sub-Committee of Management in New York shall be under the same laws as the Committee in England, as regards fines, etc.

III. That the Sub-Committee shall send a report of its proceedings every three months to the Committee of Management, England.

IV. When the goods are wanted of the Committee of Management in England, the order must be signed by the G. M., D. G. M., and Secretary, with the seal attached of the Sub-Committee, and the Sub-Committee be answerable for the payment of all money due to the Committee of Management, England.

V. That the Sub-Committee shall send to the Committee of Management, in December of every year, a list of all members in the different branch Lodges, and all other "information" which may be required.

VI. We, the undersigned, composing the Committee of Management for time being of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, held at Leeds, in the county of York, England, hereby declare that the Sub-Committee, when formed in New York, North America, shall have full power to grant Dispensations and open new Lodges, having first obtained the Dispensations, etc., of the Committee in England, and to transact such other business as may come before them, and they shall have our aid and support so long as the laws of the Order shall be observed and kept, as witness our hands and seal this 22d day of December, one thousand eight hundred and forty-three.

(SEAL)

GEORGE TERRY, *G. Master*;
WM BRITTON, *D. G. Master*;
JOHN HOLROYD, *G. Secretary*;
JOHN TAYLOR,
AARON GILES,
JAMES MEREDITH BUCKLEY,
WILLIAM SIBBETT,
HENRY HIGGINS.

The second meeting of the S. C. of M. was held March 20, 1844; the Grand Secretary was instructed to draft a letter to be forwarded to England expressive of the profound gratitude that the Board felt for the honor conferred upon them and Philomathean Lodge. The following is the text of the letter:

NEW YORK, March 20, 1844.

To the Committee of Management:

The following extracts from the minutes of the Sub-Committee of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows in the United States of America will explain the cause of my intruding this communication upon your valuable time:

"Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to address a letter of thanks to the Committee of Management at Leeds, England, assuring them of our hearty co-operation with them in the cause of Friendship, Love, and Truth."

In accordance with the above resolution, I hasten to lay before you a written expression of our sense of the honor conferred upon us in so

promptly granting us a warrant for the formation of a Sub-Committee of Management, thereby greatly facilitating the spread of the principles of Odd Fellowship among us. You will please, therefore, brethren, accept our sincere thanks, and assurance that no exertions on our part will be spared to extend the Order and render it a blessing to our fellow-men. On the receipt of the warrant the Philomathean Lodge, No. 646 (under the direction of P. G. M. Peter Ogden), proceeded to the election of eight past officers, to form the Sub-Committee, which election was held on the 21st of February, 1844 and resulted in the selection of the following persons James Fields, G. M.; Timothy Seaman, D. G. M.; Francis Myers, G. S.; Charles Willetts, Charles Stewart, Henry Smith, Ulysses B. Vidal, David Wormsley, Directors.

At their first meeting, held on the 29th ult., a petition was received from a number of persons to grant a Dispensation to form a Lodge, to be called the "Hamilton Lodge."

After satisfying ourselves of the moral fitness of the applicants, a Dispensation was granted, under the name of Hamilton Lodge, No. 710. We have now before us a letter asking information on the subject of Odd Fellowship from a party in Philadelphia, which was presented by our G. M., to whose untiring efforts, and those of Brother Peter Ogden, P. G. M. of the Victoria Lodge, Liverpool, we are indebted for our success.

The applicants from Philadelphia are well known to many of our brethren as intelligent and highly respectable, and we think it likely that a Lodge will be formed there the present spring. From several other sources there are cheering indications that there will be more applications to open Lodges; so that we hope the day is not far distant when the altars of Friendship, Love and Truth will be erected throughout the Western as well as the Eastern world.

At this early stage of our existence as a Committee of Management, brethren, we beg that you will give us such directions and hints for our proper government as are needful for us, who may be truly said to be novices in the business, and should the A. M. C. confirm the warrant you have granted, permit me to suggest for your consideration whether it would not be better to adopt a code of laws for the government of the Sub-Committee and Lodges generally in this country, as its laws, customs, etc., render many of the present "General Laws" either difficult to observe, or entirely at variance with what we find necessary to adopt in our Lodges. I shall, however, from time to time, find occasion to speak more particularly on these points hereafter. Meanwhile, permit me, in behalf of my associates of the Sub-Committee, brethren, to assure you of our best wishes for your individual happiness, and the success of the Grand United Order throughout the world.

FRANCIS MYERS,

G. S. to Sub-Committee of Management.



THE FIRST LODGE IN PENNSYLVANIA.

May 14, 1844, the S. C. of M. met and granted a dispensation to open a Lodge in the city of Philadelphia, by the title and number:

UNITY LODGE, No. 711,

which, of course, became the mother lodge of the State.

RISING STAR, No. 713, HARTFORD, CONN.

was the first Lodge in Connecticut. Its dispensation was granted July 24, 1844.

FIRST LODGE IN AUSTRALIA.

In July, 1844, Traveller's Home Lodge, No. 731, was opened at Sydney, N. S. W., Australia. This dispensation was granted by Committee of Management, England, as all others in that country were. Australia has four Sub-Committees, each exercising authority over separate divisions.

FIRST P. G. M. COUNCIL.

The first Grand Council, as it was called at that time, was organized in New York City, October 12, 1844, and was composed of Past Officers from Philomathean Lodge, No. 646.

POWERS OF THE C. S. OF M.

The A. M. C., held in England in May, 1844, confirmed the warrant granted by the C. of M., December 19, 1843, and extended the powers of the S. C. of M. in the following document:

HAREWOOD ARMS TAVERN, LEEDS, YORKSHIRE, July 26, 1844.

The Sub-Committee of the Grand United

Order of Odd Fellows, New York, America:

WORTHY BRETHREN:—It is with great pleasure that the Committee of Management have to announce to you, that the business transacted betwixt us and you, was duly laid before the Representatives at the A. M. C., and the fullest explanations entered into, which was received by the Representatives in such a manner that left not a doubt but that the greatest satisfaction was given to the Order, at which transactions were ratified by the meeting; thereby confirming the grant which you have in possession, and which must remain in full force.

It was also resolved by the Representatives at the Annual Movable Committee, that the Committee of Management be empowered by this meeting, to make all necessary arrangements for the governing, comfort, happiness and satisfaction of you and the brethren across the Atlantic, and we trust there will be that congeniality of feeling betwixt us and you, that will have the effect anticipated, and which shall shine forth with meridian splendor, not only in the pleasure of the mind, but with an increase of number unlooked for, and each member being a participator of the same feeling.

The Committee of Management met on the 16th day of July, 1844, on this particular business, and came to the following resolutions, viz.:

1st. That we empower the Sub-Committee to draw up a code of laws for the government of the Lodges in America, but embracing as many of our present laws as are workable in that country, and all others which may be made, must be approved of by the Committee of Management, England, before coming into operation.

2d. That all Dispensations issued by the Sub-Committee, be charged by them £2 each, and pay for each to the Committee in England 8 shillings, and all other goods wanted by the Sub-Committee, to be paid for at the price published in the Committee of Management's Circular, and all moneys to be transmitted three months before each Annual Meeting.

3d. That all Signs, Passwords, Ceremonies, etc., be the same as what is made use of by the Order in England.

4th. That the strictest attention be paid to the 3d resolution on the grant made last year, and that a regular correspondence takes place betwixt the two Committees every three months, and full particulars given of every Lodge opened by the Sub-Committee; as also all other business transactions; and the Committee in England will forward every three months an account of all general business transactions of the Order in England; as a frequent correspondence will create a good feeling, and will have a tendency of promoting the prosperity of the Order.

Should there be anything not satisfactory, or anything you can suggest, just name them, and they will have our immediate attention; for it is our ardent desire, that everything for the benefit of the Order, which can be done, shall have our instant support. We wish to hear your opinion about accepting clearances of members from this country, and we receiving members with clearances from you. Wishing you every prosperity and success, we are your brethren truly in

F., L. and T.

As witness our names and seal of the Order.

(SEAL)

GEORGE TERRY, G. M.,
THOMAS WHITEHEAD, D. G. M.
P. G. M. JOHN TAYLOR,
P. G. M. JOHN BUCKLEY,
P. G. M. H. HIGGINS,
P. G. M. GEORGE ROBINSON,
P. G. M. WILLIAM MORRIS NAYLOR,
P. G. M. JOHN HOLROYD, G. S.

The duties and powers of the S. C. of M. not being fully understood by the members thereof, the Board decided to request further information through the Special Deputy, P. G. M., Peter Ogden. When he returned to England in August, he laid the subject before the Committee of Management, then in session at Leeds. The following is the reply:

AUTHORITY FOR THE FIRST A. M. C. IN AMERICA.

LEEDS, August 19, 1844.

MR. JAMES FIELDS.

Dear Sir and Brother:—Being asked a few questions by P. G. M. Peter Ogden, in accordance with your wish, The Committee of Management's answers are as follows, viz.:

1. The Sub-Committee at present must be formed out of the Philomathean Lodge, until a few more are opened; when such is the case it will be necessary to have a meeting annually, composed of one Delegate from each Lodge, and at which time the Sub-Committee in future can be chosen, *all of whom must be P. G. Ms.*

2. The duties of the Sub-Committee are to grant Dispensations, receive the communications from the various Lodges, as also from the Committee of Management, England, and forward to the various Lodges the communications received; *also to see that all the Lodges act up to the principles of Odd Fellowship, and settle any disputes which may arise in any of the Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Sub-Committee.* If the Sub-Committee would draw up a code of laws as a general code for all Lodges opened by the Sub-Committee, which would be workable in the parts where Dispensations are granted to, and a copy sent to the Committee of Management, England, laws then will be introduced for the guidance of the Sub-Committee of Management. With this you have the seal and impression, such as are used for the Dispensations, as a pattern, and the Dispensations which have been granted by you can have a fresh set of impressions, and when you require any more Dispensations you will have them different, so as to allow of the signatures of a portion of the Sub-Committee, similar to the signatures on those you at present have of the Committee of England. I can assure you that it is the most ardent desire of the Committee of Management in England, that you shall have every facility in carrying out the glorious cause of Odd Fellowship, so that each one who embraces its principles may rest content and happy under the shade of its branches. Wishing you every happiness (domestic as well as public), and prosperity, we subscribe ourselves your brethren, truly,

P. G. M. GEORGE TERRY, G. M.

P. G. M. THOMAS WHITEHEAD, D. G. M.

P. G. M. JOHN TAYLOR.

P. G. M. JAMES M. BUCKLEY,

P. G. M. HENRY HIGGINS,

P. G. M. GEORGE ROBINSON,

P. G. M. WM. MORRIS NAYLOR,

P. G. M. JOHN HOLROYD, G. S.

SUMMARY OF EVENTS IN 1844.

February 21.—Warrant of authority for the formation of the S. C. of M. presented by P. G. M., Peter Ogden.

February 21.—First S. C. of M. elected from Past officers of Philomathean Lodge, 646.

February 29.—Dispensation granted Philomathean Lodge, No. 646, to institute Hamilton Lodge, No. 710, New York, N. Y.

March 20.—Charles Willets appointed the first Grand Treasury by the S. C. of M.

May 14.—Dispensation granted Philomathean Lodge, to institute Unity Lodge, 711, Philadelphia, Pa.

May 30.—A. M. C. in England, confirmed the Warrant granted by the C. of M., December 19, 1843, to the S. C. M. in America.

July 2.—Dispensation granted Philomathean Lodge, 646, to institute Philomathean Lodge, 712, Albany, N. Y.

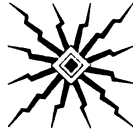
July 24.—Dispensation granted Philomathean Lodge, 646, to institute Rising Star Lodge, 713, Hartford, Conn.

September 30.—P. G. M. Peter Ogden presented to the Warrant of authority for the first A. M. C. in America.

October 12.—Grand Council, No. 1, was organized in New York City by Past Officers of Philomathean Lodge, No. 646.

December 16.—Dispensation granted Philomathean Lodge, 646, to institute Olive Branch Lodge, 714, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

NOTE.—The S. C. of M. held their meetings in the Lodge room of Philomathean Lodge, 646, at 102 Elm Street, New York City.



CHAPTER IV.

THE SECOND SUB-COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT, 1845.

There being no A. M. C. in 1844, Philomathean Lodge, No. 646, under its warrant dated December 22, 1843, elected the second Sub-Committee of Management, as follows:

JAMES FIELDS, Grand Master.

JOSEPH TEN EYCK, Deputy Grand Master.

CHARLES WILLETTS, Grand Treasurer.

ULYSSES B. VIDEL, Grand Secretary.

GRAND DIRECTORS.

JOHN PETERSON, JOHN L'ESTEVE,
JOHN P. ANTHONY, THOMAS R. BARNSWELL.

The G. S.-elect declined to serve. John Peterson was elected by the Board to fill the vacancy, and Thomas S. Cunningham was chosen to fill the vacancy made by Bro. Peterson's promotion.

February 11, 1845, the S. C. of M. adopted a code of laws for the lodges under its jurisdiction. These laws were submitted to the first A. M. C. in America for approval. They were also submitted to the C. of M., as per Section 1 of the instrument dated July 26, 1844.

February 28, 1845, the S. C. of M. fixed the G. S.'s salary at \$12.00 per annum.

The Board issued instructions to the Lodges to elect two delegates to attend a conference in New York to consider measures and suggestions calculated to promote the best good of the Order.

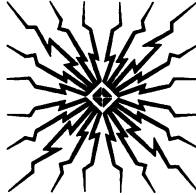
On the same date, a Dispensation was granted Philomathean Lodge, 712, to institute Northern Star Lodge, No. 715, Troy, N. Y.

May 13, 1845, the S. C. of M. granted letter of introduction to P. G. M., Peter Ogden, who announced his intention of visiting Unity Lodge, No. 711, at Philadelphia, Pa.

August 7, 1845, the S. C. M. granted dispensation to open
BANNEKER LODGE, No. 810, DETROIT, MICH.
the first Lodge in that State.

September 2, 1845, a dispensation was granted to Unity Lodge, No. 711, to institute a Lodge entitled: Jochabed Lodge, 811, Reading, Pa.

On the same date the S. C. of M. issued the call for the first A. M. C. to be held in the city of New York, October 2, 1845.



THE FIRST A. M. C. IN AMERICA.

1845.

WHEN AND WHERE HELD, DELEGATES PRESENT,
BUSINESS TRANSACTED.

The first general meeting, called the Annual Moveable Committee, assembled according to notice given by the Sub-Committee of Management for the United States of America, in Philomathean Lodge Room, No. 102 Elm Street, New York, N. Y., October 2, 1845, *"one hour and ten minutes past meridian."*

The following brethren presented duly authenticated credentials:

P. G. M., Geo. T. Downing, Philomathean Lodge, No. 646, New York City.

P. N. F., James McCune Smith, Hamilton Lodge, No. 710, New York City.

P. G. M., James McC. Crummill, Unity Lodge, No. 711, Philadelphia, Pa.

P. N. F., Wm. Rich, Northern Star Lodge, No. 715, Troy, N. Y.

Two other delegates, whose credentials were informal, were subsequently admitted to seats, viz.:

P. N. F. Wm. W. Daniels, Rising Star Lodge, No. 713, Hartford, Conn.

P. N. F., Charles Morton, Philomathean Lodge, No. 712, Albany, N. Y.

Total number of delegates present, six (6).

The Grand Master did not preside, but James McC. Crummill was elected Chairman of the first A. M. C., and Jas. McCune Smith, Secretary.

The meeting agreed to sit with closed doors, and the first business called for was the report of the S. C. of M.

Singular as it may appear, the founder of the Order in the United States, P. G. M., Peter Ogden, was only admitted into



EDWARD H. MORRIS,
Grand Master, G. U. O. O. F., in America.

the hall of that convention upon motion, and then only "to give information on matters before this convention."

Whether such procedure was in keeping with an established precedent in England, or whether it was the beginning of that long practiced narrowness which characterized the conduct of every general meeting toward the grand officers of the Order for forty-five years, makes it none the less unworthy of the broad and liberal spirit of Odd Fellowship. For be it remembered that it was not until 1890, at the Atlanta (Ga.) B. M. C., that the grand officers were allowed to present credentials or even address the meetings unless by consent. (See 39th General Meeting, 5th B. M. C. proceedings).

The following motions were agreed to: (1) That the meetings of the Annual Moveable Committee shall be held on the first Wednesday in October; (2) that the S. C. M. elected by each A. M. C. shall go into office on the first Wednesday in January following such election; and (3) that the laws enacted by any A. M. C. shall not go into operation until the first Wednesday in January following such enactment.

THE FIRST GENERAL LAWS.

The S. C. of M. having previously framed a code of laws for the government of the Lodges in the United States, presented the following to the first A. M. C. for approval:

1. That no candidate legally rejected (and published as hereinafter described), shall be received into any branch Lodge in the Order, under one year from the date of his rejection by the Lodge to which he was first proposed. But the Lodge in which such a candidate was first rejected may reconsider their vote of his rejection (providing a majority of the Lodge, assembled for that purpose, deem that such rejection arise from any other than constitutional grounds).

2. That any branch Lodge, belonging to the G. U. O. of O. F. in the United States shall, on the rejection of a candidate, give immediate notice, in writing, of such rejection to the Sub-Committee of Management, stating the name, age and residence of the candidate and the cause of his rejection; and should any branch Lodge in the Order reconsider the case of a rejected candidate (and he be finally accepted), and neglect to inform the Sub-Committee forthwith of such reconsideration and acceptance, such Lodge shall be fined, and shall pay over to the Sub-Com-

mittee one dollar for every neglect, whether it be a case of first rejection, or of a final reconsideration and acceptance.

3. That every branch Lodge in the Order, which shall initiate any candidate who has been rejected by any branch Lodge in the Order (and published as rejected by the Sub-Committee), within one year from the date of rejection of such a candidate, shall be fined, and shall pay over to said Sub-Committee the sum of five dollars, and shall be excluded from the privileges of the Order for one year, and the member initiated shall be declared an illegal member.

4. That no person shall be offered as a candidate for membership in any Lodge of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows in the United States of America, who is known to be (directly or indirectly), a gambler in lotteries or in policy playing; and further, that the like offence, if charged and proven against a brother of any Lodge of the above Order in the United States of America, shall subject the brother so offending to a fine and a reprimand for the first offence, before the Lodge to which he may belong, and a second offence shall expel him from the Order as a gambler, and his name shall be published in the Circular of the Order.

5. All Lodges of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows in the United States of America shall wear aprons stamped with the arms of the Order by the Sub-Committee of Management. Each Lodge being permitted to choose white or blue as the uniform color of such aprons, of which choice they shall notify the Sub-Committee forthwith, and no individual member shall be permitted to wear an apron of a color different from that agreed upon by a majority of his lodge; (reference being made to the two colors above named).

6. All Lodges, belonging to the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows in the United States of America, shall furnish themselves with regalia to be worn at all public celebrations by the Order, or any part thereof, and also a suitable regalia for their private meetings in strict accordance with the lawful colors and appointments as to degrees, as shall be designated by the Sub-Committee of Management.

7. All public parades of the Order are expressly forbidden, except for the purpose of celebrating the anniversary of any Lodge or Chapter of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, wherever the same may be located; nor shall any Lodge or Chapter belonging to said Order be permitted to give or receive invitations to unite in parade, or to celebrate the anniversary of

any benevolent society not belonging to the Order; nor shall they, at any such anniversary of any benevolent society, not belonging to this Order, wear the regalia, or any part thereof whereby they may be distinguished as belonging to this Order.

It was moved that this Annual Moveable Committee do hereby sanction laws 1, 2, 3, 4, adopted by the Sub-Committee of Management. Agreed.

It was moved that this A. M. C. do hereby sanction law No. 7 of Sub-Committee of Management. Agreed.

It was agreed to sanction law 6; and then law 5 was agreed to in the order here given.

The A. M. C. resolved that no law enforcing direct or indirect taxation upon members of the Order, should be binding unless concurred in by two-thirds of the Lodges in the Order. A very wise and judicious provision.

The 7th general rule of the English laws was adopted. That rule was in substance identical with General Law 8, Section 8, of our present laws.

BASIS OF REPRESENTATION.

The A. M. C. adopted this plan with respect to representation in the annual meetings, viz.: 1. Each Lodge of the Order in the United States, having been organized six calendar months previous to the annual meeting, numbering fifty members or less, should be entitled to send one delegate. 2. Lodges having 100 members should be entitled to two, and 3. Lodges having 150 or more members, three delegates. But no Lodge should have more than one vote.

This law was not an equitable one in the judgment of the author, however, it continued until 1892, when the B. M. C. enacted a law prohibiting any Lodge sending more than one delegate to a general meeting.

Unity Lodge, No. 711, Philadelphia, submitted a proposition providing for the appointment of a General Traveling Agent for the Order, at an annual salary to be fixed by the A. M. C., and named P. G. M. Jas. Fields as the agent.

The proposition was adopted, conditioned upon the concurrence of three-fourths of the then existing Lodges. A notable fact in connection with the growth of our Order is that no one

has ever been employed to travel over the country to organize Lodges, and yet the spread of Odd Fellowship has been greater than all other Secret Orders.

The Sub-Committee chosen by the first A. M. C. consisted of the following persons:

Grand Master, P. G. M., Ulysses B. Vidal.

Deputy Grand Master, P. G. M., Geo. T. Downing.

Grand Secretary, P. G. M., Jas. Fields.

Grand Treasurer, P. G. M., Charles Willets.

GRAND DIRECTORS.

P. G. M., EDWARD V. CROSBY,

P. G. M., HENRY WILLIAMS,

P. G. M., THOMAS HOFFMAN,

P. G. M., ELLIS A. POTTER.

The A. M. C. selected New York City for the next place of meeting; ordered 750 copies of the proceedings published, and at 5.30 p. m., October 3, 1845, adjourned *sine die*.

October 24, 1845, a dispensation was granted to Rising Star Lodge, No. 713, to institute Ogden Lodge, No. 812, New Haven, Conn.

December 9, 1845, a Dispensation was granted to Ogden Lodge, 812, to institute Fields Lodge, No. 813, Bridgeport, Conn.

December 16, 1845, the application of Hamilton Lodge, 710, for a Dispensation to institute a Lodge at Newark, N. J., was rejected on the ground that the members of the association were not fit and proper persons for membership in the Order.

On the same date the Grand Secretary's salary was increased from \$12.00 to \$300.00 per annum.

The returns from all the Lodges respecting the appointment of a traveling agent at a salary of \$600.00 per annum were read, and the majority disapproved the resolution.

SUMMARY OF EVENTS IN 1845.

February 11.—First General Laws framed by the S. C. of M.

February 28.—Call issued by S. C. of M. for General Conference. Dispensation granted to institute Northern Star Lodge, No. 715.

March 8.—S. C. of M. for 1845 installed into office.

May 7.—Dispensation granted to institute Banneker Lodge, No. 810.

September 2.—Call issued by S. C. of M. for the first A. M. C. Dispensation granted to institute Jochabed Lodge, No. 811.

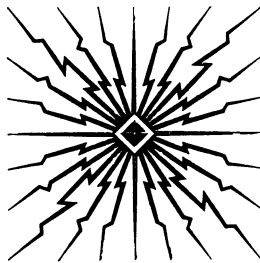
October 2.—First A. M. C. convened in New York, N. Y. First General Laws approved by the A. M. C.

October 3.—S. C. of M. for 1846 elected by A. M. C.

October 24.—Dispensation granted to institute Ogden Lodge, No. 812.

December 9.—Dispensation granted to institute Fields Lodge No. 813.

December 16.—First application for a Lodge at Newark, N. J., rejected.



CHAPTER V.

THE THIRD SUB-COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT, 1846.

January 13, 1846, Ogden Lodge, No. 812, of New Haven, Conn., made application for a Dispensation to open Bay State Lodge, No. 814, Boston, Mass. Granted. Hamilton Lodge, No. 710, New York, N. Y., having initiated certain members of the Association at Newark, N. J., at a special meeting, was suspended by the S. C. of M. until such time as the Lodge should furnish satisfactory proof of the expulsion of all members of said Association.

February 5, 1846, Philomathean Lodge, No. 646, New York, N. Y., made application for a dispensation to open Passaic Lodge, No. 815, Newark, N. J. Granted. Hamilton Lodge having complied with the order of the S. C. of M. was restored to membership in the Fraternity.

February 10, 1846. The S. C. of M. received an application from Unity Lodge, No. 711, Philadelphia, Pa., for a Dispensation to institute Good Samaritan Lodge, 816, in the same city. Granted.

February 26, 1846. At a special meeting of the S. C. of M a Dispensation to Philomathean Lodge, No. 646, New York, N. Y., to institute Hannibal Lodge, No. 817, New York, N. Y.

March 3, 1846. The S. C. of M. for 1846 was installed. On account of the absence of the Grand Master-elect in the West Indies, it was necessary to make some changes in the officers as elected by the A. M. C. The D. G. M.-elect, Geo. T. Downing, was promoted by the Board to the Master's chair. Grand Director-elect, Henry Williams, was made Deputy Grand Master, and Elijah Overton was elected to fill the vacant Directorship. The S. C. of M. for 1846 was then constituted as follows:

Grand Master, GEO. T. DOWNING.

Deputy Grand Master, HENRY WILLIAMS.

Grand Secretary, JAMES FIELDS.

Grand Treasurer, CHARLES WILLETTS.

GRAND DIRECTORS.

THOMAS HOFFMAN.
ELLIS A. POTTER.

EDWARD V. CROSBY.
ELIJAH OVERTON.

March 10, 1846, "Unity Lodge, No. 711, Philadelphia, Pa., presented a petition for a Dispensation for a party resident at Alexandria, D. C." The Board expressed their great gratification at the prospect of extending the Order into the South, but held the petition under advisement, pending further consideration of the advisability of granting a Dispensation to open a Lodge in Slave territory.

March 17, 1846, the Board was advised by Unity Lodge that a full investigation had been made as to the character of the men, and all the circumstances surrounding the Association. The Lodge strongly urged that the Dispensation be granted, and accordingly it was done.

Harmony Lodge, No. 818, Alexandria, D. C., was the first regularly chartered Lodge of our Order established in Virginia.

(NOTE.—In 1846 the District of Columbia embraced that part of Virginia in which Alexandria is situated).

September 8, 1846, a Dispensation was granted Philomathean Lodge, No. 712, Albany, N. Y., to institute a Lodge at Geneva, N. Y., title: Orion Lodge, No. 819. At this meeting of the Board some very interesting correspondence was read. As indicating the conditions obtaining at that time as well as to show the keen foresight of P. G. M., James McCrummell, the leading spirit of Odd Fellowship in Pennsylvania in those days, we append the following:

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 29, 1846.

TO JAS. FIELDS, G. S., New York, N. Y.

Respected Sir and Brother:—It is with some degree of pleasure that I have it in my power to make application on behalf of Unity Lodge, No. 711, of Philadelphia, of the G. U. O. O. F. through you as Grand Secretary to the Committee of Management in England for the granting of a Dispensation for opening a new Lodge in Washington City—in the District of Columbia—the application having been before the Unity Lodge and received its sanction at their last meeting, which will be seen by the enclosed.

I enclose also \$10.00 and now inform you that I handed over to Brother P. G. M. Ponton, one dollar and fifty cents to be paid to you for a stamp (making \$11.50). You will be so kind as to pack the Dis-

pensation, etc., in a small box, and direct the box to James McCrummill, 266 North 3rd street, and send it by Adams' Express line. This will inform you that on my visit to Alexandria I found the Harmony Lodge in a prosperous condition and the Brethren making every exertion in their power to carry out the true principles of the Order, and are prospering as fast as can be expected, taking into consideration the opposition of the Masonics, for they have opposed them tooth and nail, but with little or no success, as our Order is in the hands of better and purer men than the others. I will state a fact as an illustration of my assertion. There are but one or two members in the Harmony but owns the property in which they live, and all but one are close members of the churches. I think this speaks well. According to your request I have made arrangements with them that all communications between them and you can be through me, and therefore, when you wish, I will attend to it with much pleasure. The applications that I now forward are the fruits of my visit to the South. I think that I have left a nest egg in Baltimore, Md., and Wilmington, Del., for a Lodge, and as soon as I can make it convenient, I shall endeavor to hatch them into existence.

Yours in F., L. and T.,

JAMES MCCRUMMILL,

The Dispensation was granted Unity Lodge, No. 711, to institute Union Friendship Lodge, No. 891, Washington, D. C.—the oldest Lodge in the District of Columbia—September 8, 1846.

Patrick H. Reason, of Hamilton Lodge, No. 710, New York, N. Y., designed the first Certificate of Membership for the Order. It was approved of by the S. C. of M.

THE SECOND A. M. C.

October 7, 1846, the second general meeting was held at New York City, in Philomathean Lodge Rooms, 161 Duane Street.

Eight Lodges were represented.

Grand Secretary Fields presented credentials as a delegate from Passaic Lodge, No. 815, Newark, N. J. They were not received for the reasons: First, that the delegate was a member of the S. C. M., and secondly, he was not a member of said Lodge.

This A. M. C. adopted a resolution requiring all Lodges to send at least one delegate to each A. M. C., or be subject to a fine

of \$5.00. Not many years afterwards the A. M. C. was considering a proposition to reduce the representation, such was the rapid growth of the Order.

The following persons were elected by the second A. M. C. to constitute the S. C. of M. for 1847:

P. G. M., U. B. VIDAL, G. M.
 P. G. M., HENRY SMITH, D. G. M.
 P. N. F., JAMES McCUNE SMITH, G. S.
 P. G. M., PETER DEROMAS, G. T.
 P. G. M., JOHN PETERSON, G. D.
 P. G. M., WESLEY B. JACOBS, G. D.
 P. N. F., DAVID TREADWELL, G. D.
 P. N. F., EDWARD V. CLARK, G. D.

The second A. M. C. committed many grave errors, and made resolutions and laws at variance with all usages and in direct violation of the Constitution of the Order. The departures were so radical and unreasonable that the S. C. of M. elected in 1845, refused to obey the second A. M. C. The Sub-Committee contending that the A. M. C. had exceeded its authority, and the A. M. C. contending it had a right to do as it pleased, brought about such a clash of contentions that it seriously threatened the disruption of the Order in its infancy.

These are some of the acts of that A. M. C., which the C. of M. set aside:

1. The election of a Secretary of the A. M. C. instead of allowing G. S. to act.
2. That a P. N. F. may be elected a member of the S. C. of M.
3. The election of three P. N. F.'s to serve upon the S. C. of M. for 1847.
4. The selection of persons to serve upon the S. C. of M. by a committee.
5. The appointment of a Degree Committee to confer the P. G. M. Degree upon any P. N. F. recommended by his Lodge.
6. That no person shall be admitted a member of any Lodge who is a resident of another State where another Lodge already exists.
7. That each Lodge shall send a delegate to every A. M. C., or be subject to a fine of \$5.00.

8. That any three members of an A. C. M. may call a special meeting of the Order or A. M. C.

On account of the ungrateful treatment accorded P. G. M., Peter Ogden, by the first A. M. C., he did not attempt to attend the sessions of the Second A. M. C. He felt it keenly, but he never relaxed his interest in Odd Fellowship. The Founder of our Order had a heart full of love for humanity, and would not allow the discourtesy shown him by the first A. M. C. to dampen his ardor for the extension of the principles of Friendship, Love and Truth.

Grand Master Downing and Grand Secretary Fields were both notably absent from this A. M. C. the greater part of the session.

It will be remembered that the A. M. C. of 1845 elected U. B. Vidal, Grand Master, but he was absent from the country at the time of installation, and the S. C. of M. elected George T. Downing in his stead. This was mainly the cause of the present unpleasantness. However, both sides were determined, and both sides appealed to England.

In the meantime the S. C. of M. refused to install or vacate for any of the Grand Officers elected by this A. M. C., claiming that all were illegally elected.

Peter Ogden made another voyage to England, and laid before the Committee of Management the condition of affairs in the Order in America. His power and authority having been disputed by the A. M. C., he requested the Committee to define his powers in a written instrument, which it did. He returned to America thus armed, and reported to the S. C. of M. There was the most perfect understanding between Peter Ogden and the Sub-Committee. They honored and respected him; in fact, he was the confidant both of the S. C. of M. and the C. of M.

The Lodges were divided, some sided with the A. M. C., and some with the S. C. of M., but the Sub-Committee was firm, and would neither yield its power nor recognize Lodges that defied its authority. When the response came from England the Sub-Committee was sustained upon every issue. All parties acquiesced in the Decision, and the ominous cloud of dissolution disappeared. Peace returned; discord vanished, and the S. C. of M. has been obeyed in all its rulings ever since.

The correspondence on these questions makes interesting reading.



LUCIUS L. LEE,
Deputy Grand Master, G. U. O. O. F., in America.

COPY OF LETTER RECEIVED BY P. G. M., PETER
OGDEN, FROM THE COMMITTEE OF
MANAGEMENT, ENGLAND.

LEEDS, ENGLAND, March 19th, 1846.

Dear Sir and Brother:—Yours of the 6th inst. was received by the Committee of Management with pleasure, and each feel glad that you have escaped the very boisterous passage you have had and left you in the enjoyment of good health. It is very gratifying to hear your account of the inquiries about the Order, and it is hoped that no relaxation will take place, but the only word recognized will be "*Onward.*"

The Dispensations and Laws are enclosed, which, with the Circulars, you will please forward to their destination. We give you a great deal of trouble, but we cannot avoid it, therefore you will pardon us.

There are a few questions which you ask, and the following are the answers given by the Committee of Management. The first, which refers to the suspension of a Lodge and some of the members of the S. C. of M belonging to the same Lodge, etc., etc.:

1. Should a Lodge be suspended for a breach of the G. Laws, or the Laws of the Sub-Committee?

Ans. The whole of the members being on an equality, all must be suspended, but the Sub-Committee can refer one which may belong to them, into any other Lodge providing the said member of the Sub-Committee has not had anything to do with what has caused suspension, or if acquainted with the matter, has taken part to abide by the General Laws, etc., and striven to prevent a breach thereof.

2. What is the opinion of the Committee of Management concerning my position in the Order, etc., etc.?

Ans. The Committee of Management consider you as you actually are, the Founder, and on that account the Father of the Lodges in America, and you have a just right to speak your opinion in any Lodge in America, in reference to the Laws or workings of the Order, and as you are the confidant of the Committee of Management in England and Sub-Committee in America.

3. That some plan should be devised for the white citizens to unite with the colored, etc., etc.?

Ans. The Committee will take it into their most serious consideration and use every endeavor possible, which may be suggested, to bring a thing so desirable into effect. With regard to the Lodges in Pennsylvania the Committee will send them a few lines on the subject you refer to. It is the opinion of the Committee that should an arrangement be made with them, each Lodge will be compelled to have a regular Dispensation, etc., from you as the dispensations which they at present have, have not been recognized by the Order for some years.

Your first A. M. C. has been well conducted and it will have a very good effect, as well as cause a many application for Dispensations.

Should you have twenty or more delegates how gratifying it will be to mind, but particularly to sight. In future, no goods will be sent unless an Order comes for them.

The Committee presents to you and all friends in America their kindest respect and with God's Blessing, you may have a safe and pleasant voyage, and that you may meet with all friends in good health on your arrival is the sincere wish of the Committee of Management, believe me,

Yours in F., L. and T.,

JOHN HOLROYD, *G. S.*

ATTEST COPY:

JAMES FIELDS, *G. S., S. C. M.*

November 10, 1846. A Dispensation was granted to Bay State Lodge, No. 814, Boston, Mass., to institute Hawthorne Lodge, No. 892, New Bedford, Mass.

On the same date, Philomathean Lodge, No. 712, Albany, N. Y., was granted a Dispensation to institute Volunteer Lodge, No. 893, Kingston, N. Y.

December 7, 1846. The Founder of the Order in America, P. G. M., Peter Ogden, visited the meeting of the S. C. of M., and presented books, cards and other information from Committee of Management at Leeds, England..

Unity Lodge made application for a Dispensation to institute Phoenix Lodge, 894, Philadelphia, Pa. It was granted.

SUMMARY OF EVENTS IN 1846.

January 13.—Dispensation granted to open Bay State Lodge, No. 814, Boston, Mass.

February 5.—Dispensation granted to open Passaic Lodge, No. 815, Newark, N. J.

February 10.—Dispensation granted to open Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 816, Philadelphia, Pa.

February 26.—Dispensation granted to open Hannibal Lodge, No. 817, New York, N. Y.

March 3.—The S. C. of M. for 1846 installed into office.

March 17.—Dispensation granted to open Harmony Lodge, No. 818, Alexandria, D. C.

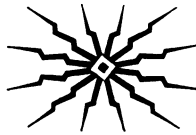
September 8.—Dispensation granted to open Orion Lodge, No. 819, Geneva, N. Y. Dispensation granted to open Union Friendship Lodge, No. 891, Washington, D. C.

October 7.—The Second A. M. C. convened in New York, N. Y.

November 10.—Dispensation granted to open Hawthorne Lodge, No. 892, New Bedford, Mass.

Dispensation granted to open Volunteer Lodge, No. 893, Kingston, N. Y.

December 7.—P. G. M. Peter Ogden visited the session of the S. C. of M. Dispensation granted to open Phoenix Lodge, No. 894, Philadelphia, Pa.



CHAPTER VI.

THE FOURTH SUB-COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT, 1847.

The most critical period in the history of our organization was during the year of 1847. The A. M. C. of 1846 ordered the S. C. of M. to turn over all books and property belonging to the Order. The Sub-Committee positively declined to do it. The A. M. C. also elected a new Sub-Committee to take the place of the one elected by the First A. M. C. in 1845. The latter refused to install the new S. C. of M. The Lodges represented at the A. M. C. of 1846 condemned the S. C. of M. for refusing to carry out the orders of the A. M. C., and the S. C. of M. retaliated by suspending said Lodges.

January 5, 1847.—P. G. M. Peter Ogden was dispatched to England by the S. C. of M. to lay all the papers and facts bearing upon the trouble before the Committee of Management. James McCune Smith, the G. S.-elect, had already laid his complaint before the C. of M. by correspondence.

January 5.—P. G. M., Edward V. Crosby resigned from the S. C. of M. because that body would not install the Officers-elect of the Second A. M. C.

January 26, 1847.—The following letter from England was received by Brother Smith through the office of the G. S., and proclaimed to all the Lodges in America:

LEEDS, November 29, 1846.

MR. JAMES FIELDS.

Sir and Brother:—It is a cause of sincere regret, to the Committee of Management in England, to hear of the unpleasantness which has transpired at the A. M. C., of the Order in America; and the Committee of Management authorizes me to inform you that in reference to the resolutions passed (see page 12 of the report of your A. M. C.):

Resolved. That any member of the Order of the degree of P. N. F. may be elected to fill the office member of S. C. of M. except the office of G. M., D. G. M., and G. S., &c

In the Warrant first sent it does so state, that if possible, eight past officers were to be selected to form the S. C. of M.'s, at the commencement, therefore allowed in the warrant the privilege to select P. N. F.'s, but, on the present occasion, there being sufficient P. G. M.'s to select from of course, that privilege is overruled on that account, and

the resolution above named cannot be agreed to, by the Committee of Management in England; the election in America at the A. M. C. must be in the same spirit as is customary at the A. M. C. in England, that is, selected from the P. G. M.'s. The resolution named being objected to as a matter of course.

The two preceding, and the one following is thrown null and void. In reference to the Grand Master's Council, whenever there is an objection to any candidate, the President is in duty bound to state to the applicant, the cause of such objection, and on all occasions of the kind when they transpire.

Page 12. Moved that a Nominating Committee of three be appointed to nominate, etc., etc.

The fact is, that such committees are illegal, as on all occasions the candidates must be nominated by the representatives in open meeting, elected; therefore, the resolutions and appointments are all illegal and not in accordance with the laws and customs of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows.

Second Day—First Motion. The minutes must on all occasions be read in the presence of the representatives. On page 14, which refers to the nomination and appointment of five Past Grand's to constitute a Degree Committee, etc., etc., the constitution in reference to Grand Master Councils, in the Grand United Order is, that there shall be only one Council in one District, therefore until Districts are formed in America, there cannot be more than one Grand Council, and under no consideration can the five be allowed to act or be recognized. It throws from the resolutions the two following, and also the certificates on page 17, which refers to a committee of two, to report the proper mode of calling a special meeting of the A. M. C.

A special meeting cannot be called, such a circumstance never was, or could be, as it is an Annual Moveable Committee, therefore all resolutions relative thereto are of no effect, or the appointment following which bears upon it.

Again. Moved that no person shall be admitted a member of any Lodge in the United States who is a resident of another state or county where a Lodge of the Order is legally instituted. You will perceive by this resolution that you are acting wrong, as it is lawful for a member to draw his clearance from his Lodge after having paid all dues and demands to the said Lodge he is intending to leave, and he can be accepted into any other Lodge in the Order: providing the members of the Lodge he applies to are willing to receive him.

That each Lodge shall send at least one delegate, etc. It should be that the A. M. C. shall be comprised of one delegate from each Lodge, etc.

The last resolution (page 18), cannot be acknowledged on account of the proceedings not having been sent to the Committee of Management, England, on which account the proposition of the last A. M. C. stands good and valid.

The third resolution (page 20), cannot be carried out on the account of illegality, and the objection has been stated previously on a resolution passed on page 14.

The Degree Committee appointed on page 21, cannot be recognized. The affair being unconstitutional, which causes the brethren appointed to fill up the vacancies to be of no effect. The Rule reported by the Committee, bottom of page 21, is of no effect, as a special meeting cannot be called. This also involves the fate of the second resolution on page 22. A delegate appointed to attend the A. M. C., should he die after his election, and prior to the A. M. C. taking place, another can be elected in his stead. The last resolution on page 22, that a committee of three be appointed, etc., you can word it, "That a committee of three be appointed, of which the secretary, along with the Grand Master shall be the two to superintend the publication, etc., etc.," also the G. S. is the person who ought to take the minutes of each A. M. C., and not one appointed, as the case has been at your last meeting.

The remarks made, the committee anticipates, will be acceded to, as they will, to the best of their power, render every assistance in carrying out the good working of the Order, but at the same time they cannot recognize the smallest breach of the Laws, and they will use every endeavor to rectify anything which is wrong, and lead you in the right path, so that the workings amongst you may be peaceful and advantageous to the whole of the Society in your country, and you may rest assured that no impediment will be thrown in your way by them, but by acting and carrying out the intention of the laws, you will insure prosperity to yourselves, and all connected with the Society you belong.

I subscribe myself for the Committee of Management,

Yours very respectfully as ever, .

JOHN HOLYROYD, G. S.

MR. JAS. McCUNE SMITH,

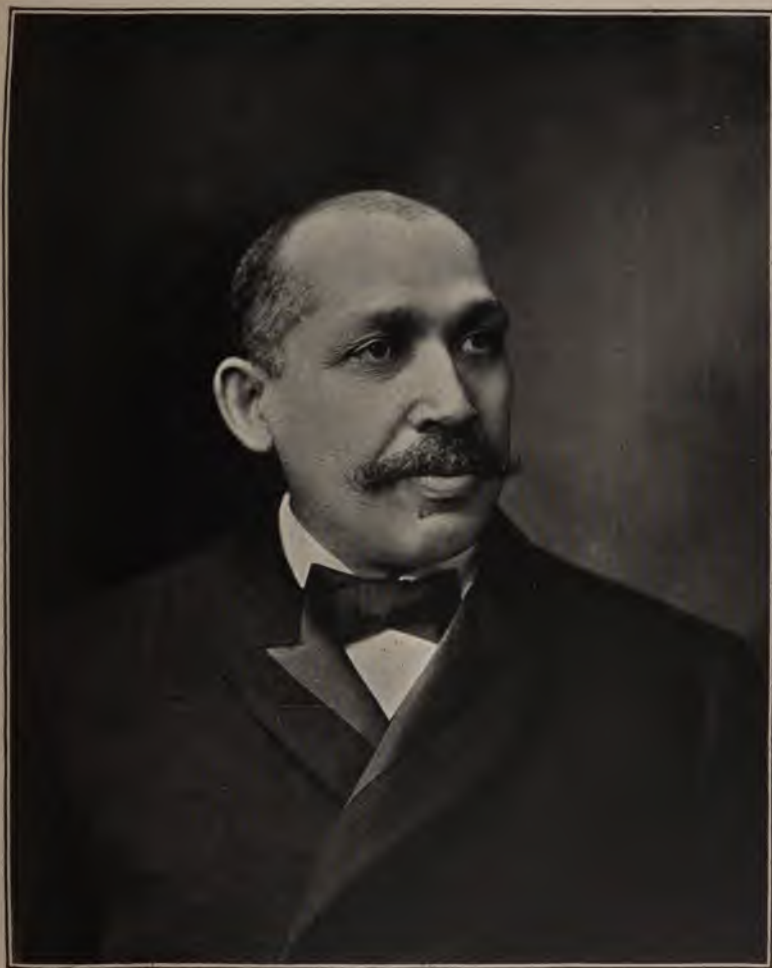
New York, America. Attest Copy:

JAMES FIELDS, G. S., S. C. M.

After three or four months, everything became quiet; the Lodges accepted; the S. C. of M. elected in 1845 held over; and the work moved on once more.

April 13, 1847, the S. C. of M. held a special meeting in Room 14, at 88 Cedar St., New York, N. Y., for the purpose of receiving the report of P. G. M. Peter Ogden who had just returned from his visit to England.

Past Grand Master Peter Ogden having presented the correspondence with the C. of M at Leeds, together with a statement of his interview and credentials constituting him their authorized agent to act in view of difficulties in the Order in this country, on motion—"Resolved, That we acknowledge Past Grand Master Peter Ogden as the legal agent of the Committee of Management at Leeds, to provide for the continuance of the executive power of S. C. of M. elected in 1845, until the end of the usual term, the first Wednesday in January, 1848." P. G. M. Ogden then presented the Board with a written certificate to that effect



J. E. REED,
Grand Treasurer, G. U. O. O. F. in America.

including the powers necessary to add to their number in case of resignation, &c.

It was "Resolved, That from and after this date, all P. G. M. Councils that are, or may hereafter be opened in the United States, shall be allowed to attach the following emblems of the following offices on the aprons of such P. G. M.'s as may or shall have regularly served as G. M., D. G. M., G. S., G. T., G. W., or Janizary—attaching each emblem in the order which he may or shall have served the office to which such emblems belong, it being understood that the above regulation shall not be construed to supersede or alter the regulation passed by S. C. M., Sept. 2, 1845, which specifies that each Council shall adhere strictly to colors, and emblems worn by P. G. M. Council of the city of New York, but that said emblems above allowed shall be additional, and attached as hereinafter described: G. M. (sun); Deputy G. M. (moon); G. S. (cross quills); G. T. (cross keys); W. (cross axes); Janizary (cross swords); the emblems of G. M. and D. G. M. to be attached to the lap or fly of the apron; the emblem of G. S. to be on the right hand side above the centre emblems; the emblem of Treasurer to be on the left hand side above centre emblems; the emblem of Warden to be on right hand side below emblems; and the emblem of Janizary on the left hand side below centre emblems; the four to form a square enclosing centre emblems, each P. G. M. Council being allowed to confer by vote the privilege of attaching any of the above emblems on such P. G. M.'s who may have served the offices of the Council, in the following manner, viz: G. M. allowed to attach all emblems below at the expiration of his term; D. G. M. allowed to attach all emblems below at the expiration of his term, &c., but no P. G. M. allowed to attach emblems above the office he has served.

P. G. M. William Fenwick was elected to fill the vacant office of Director on the S. C. of M.

July 26, 1847, Unity Lodge No 711, was granted a dispensation to institute Covenant Lodge No. 895, Philadelphia, Pa.

August 31, 1847, a dispensation was granted to Unity Lodge No 711, to institute Brotherly Love Lodge No. 896, Harrisburg, Pa.

Bay State Lodge No. 814, Boston, Mass., made application for a Warrant to open a P. G. M. Council. It was referred to P. G. M. Peter Ogden with a polite request that he apply for the Warrant at Leeds, England.

September 29, 1847, dispensations were granted Unity Lodge to institute Star of Bethlehem Lodge No. 897, Wilmington, Del., and Friendship Lodge No. 898, Philadelphia, Pa.

THE THIRD A. M. C.

October 6, 1847, the A. M. C. met in Unity Lodge Room, North Sixth Street, Philadelphia, Pa. Eighteen Lodges answered roll call. The following States were represented, viz: New York, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Virginia and the District of Columbia.

The law relating to members on travel, requiring assistance, was adopted at this meeting, and remains essentially the same to this day.

The S. C. of M. elected for 1848 were:

P. G. M., GEO. T. DOWNING, G. M.

P. G. M., FRANCIS MYERS, D. G. M.

P. G. M., JAMES FIELDS, G. S.

P. G. M., WM. FENWICK, G. T.

DIRECTORS.

P. G. M., JOSEPH TEN EYCK.

P. G. M., HENRY SMITH.

P. G. M., ELLIS A. POTTER.

P. G. M., WESLEY B. JACOBS.

This A. M. C. decided that a Lodge had a right to elect any member of the Order its delegate, except a member of the S. C. of M., (see page 4, Second A. M. C. proceedings).

Upon appeal of P. G. M. James R. Gordon, the convention decided that a majority vote is required to elect any one a member of the S. C. of M., (see page 14, Second A. M. C.).

The correspondence between P. G. M. Peter Ogden and the White Lodges of the Union Order located at and near Pottsville, Pa., took place during this year. It forms a very important chapter in the history of the Grand United Order in America, and is therefore given in full.

An interesting, if not amusing incident occurred while Peter

Ogden occupied this important relationship of representative of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, which thoroughly illustrates the history of this Order.

During the time when the Independent Order was settling itself down in this country and throwing off even the sort of connection it then had with the Manchester Unity in England, there were four Lodges established at and near Pottsville, in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, of white men, claiming to be in connection with the Grand United Order, with headquarters at Leeds.

They opened correspondence with the Order in England, and were informed that a Deputy would be in New York at the time specified to whom the whole matter had been referred.

When Ogden's ship arrived the Schuylkill men sent a messenger to meet the Deputy. He went on board and inquired for Peter Ogden. When he was pointed to this colored man, he had become so encrusted with the American prejudice that he would not believe that Ogden, being a colored man, could be the person he was directed to see, and left the ship without making known his errand.

Mark! He had awaited the coming of the Deputy, had gone all the way from Pottsville, Pa., to New York City to meet him, and yet he was so color blind that he did not know him when he saw him.

PETER OGDEN'S LETTERS.

NEW YORK CITY, N. Y., Sept. 20, 1847.

To the Committee of Management, G. U. O. of O. F., Leeds, England.

GENTLEMEN AND BROTHERS:—I embrace this opportunity to inform you of my safe arrival here in good health, after rather a long passage, and as usual lately, rather behind time. You will find by the enclosed that the Order is progressing steadily, and from appearances will continue to increase. Since I saw you last, the S. C. of M. have granted another dispensation for the city of Philadelphia, under the title and name of "Covenant Lodge;" also one to the city of Harrisburg, State of Pennsylvania. There was also another under consideration from Wilmington, in the State of Delaware, (a slave state) which if granted, will be the third lodge which we have in the slave states. You will see by this that we are advancing into the very stronghold of slavery itself, and must eventually pull the *monster* from his unhallowed throne. I have had some communications from the city of Providence, State of Rhode Island, on the subject of opening a lodge there, asking for information, etc., which I sent them, and I think it quite likely that on my return, there will be a lodge opened in that place.

The Order in Philadelphia is making great preparations for the anniversary of the Grand Master's Council, which should have taken place

on the 17th of September, but in consequence of the A. M. C. being held in that place this year, they concluded to put it off until that time, which would take place on the 5th of October. I have no doubt from the preparations which they were making, that it will be the most splendid affair that has ever taken place in our Order in America.

The Bay State Lodge, No. 814, had a splendid turnout August last, and created a deal of excitement, and called forth many expressions of admiration from the spectators (which was a dense crowd) both as to the appearance and conduct of the brothers, also as to the manner of their conducting business. To give you a full idea, I will give the particulars in as brief a manner as possible. It is as follows:

The ladies of Boston being very much delighted with our Order, determined amongst themselves to show their feelings in a more tangible form than words, they accordingly have got up a very splendid banner; it is formed with blue satin, and lined with white satin, with the emblems of our motto: "*Amicitia amor et Veritas.*" elegantly painted on the front side; on the reverse a splendid wreath, enclosing the following inscription: "Presented by the ladies of Boston to the B. S. L., No. 814, of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows." When the ladies were ready, the Lodge thought that they could do no less than turn out and have a procession, to do honor to the ladies for such a splendid mark of their favor. Accordingly, the body, with a view of testing the feelings of the citizens toward them, applied for the use of Fanueill Hall, (a place renowned in the history of the American Revolution, and sur-named the "Cradle of Liberty,") to obtain which, requires the consent of the Mayor and Aldermen of the city of Boston, besides the signatures of one hundred legal voters, and which to their own surprise was granted for their use both day and evening.

All arrangements having been completed, on the 20th of August, the members of the Lodge formed at 10 o'clock, and proceeded through some of the principal streets to the "Cradle of Liberty," where an address was delivered by P. N. F., Thomas H. Thompkins, occupying one hour and a quarter, in which he has done himself and the Order much credit.

He gave an account of the origin of the Order, its continuation, and its introduction into the United States; then he examined the conduct of the Independent Order in America, and showed that it was conducted with hypocrisy and disgrace to themselves, from the fact of their having refused a Dispensation to respectable colored men. He concluded by encouraging his brethren to perseverance and good works. After the address the members left the hall, reformed, and marched through the principal streets, which occupied two-thirds of the day, and proceeded to their Lodge, and dismissed; assembled again in the evening at Fanueill Hall, where they held a Levee, and had a splendid supper. Between six and seven hundred persons were present, mixed up of both white and colored of both sexes, the Mayor, Aldermen, and a large number of the most respectable citizens attended at the celebration in the day and in the evening. The Mayor brought his family, and introduced them to the lady who presented the banner (which she did in most excellent style) and was present on this occasion with her two aids and her banner.

The whole of the hall was thrown open to their inspection, with the armories, twenty in number. At twelve o'clock they dismissed, with the unanimous opinion that it was the most pleasant evening they had ever spent. There are some facts connected with this occasion which I cannot refrain from noticing, and which shows the beneficial results attending the introduction of our Order into that city. In the first place, Fanueil Hall cannot be obtained for any purpose without the consent of the Mayor, Aldermen, and the petition must be signed by at least one hundred legal voters of the city, and that establishes the fact of their being full citizens. Secondly, the hall has never before been allowed to be used by *colored men*. These facts, taken in connection will give a strong impetus to the downfall of prejudice in that section of America, and may be considered a *signal triumph* of our Order. I think the present A. M. C. will be conducted in a much better manner than the last was. The lodges generally are doing well.

I have given you the bright side; I will now turn to the *dark side*—that is, in relation to the Pottsville Lodges. On my arrival in New York I wrote to them, informing them of my arrival and appointment, also my readiness to meet them for the purpose of effecting a union between them and our lodges. I felt disposed to make every concession which could consistently be done; in about four days a man called on board my ship, and inquired for Peter Ogden. I informed him it was my name; he said, I was not the person he was looking for. I told him there was no other person of that name in any of the ships; however, he left without saying any more. In four or five days I received an answer to my letter, declining an interview with me on account of what do you think? On account of *color*. I think I answered becomingly, but of that you will be the best judges when you read the letters.

The following is a copy of the first letter sent:

NEW YORK, Aug. 1, 1847.

SIR:—Having been appointed by the Committee of Management of the G. U. O., Leeds, England, as their agent to confer with the Deputies from the U. O. of Odd Fellows in Pottsville, Pa., and now being in New York, in obedience with their instructions I have the pleasure to inform you that I am now ready to meet the Deputies from Pottsville, in this city, as soon as it will be convenient to them. The Committee of Management promised to inform you of my appointment, which I presume they have done.

In regard to your application, the Committee of Management laid it before the Annual Meeting in May last, and it was then decided that the whole matter should be left in the hands of the Committee of Management, and as I am their agent for America, they have turned over the whole business into my hands, and as we have already twenty-two Lodges in the United States, I trust we shall be able to effect a union which will be beneficial to all parties concerned.

The G. U. O., of O. F. is becoming very extensive; we number upwards of 60,000 members in England, Scotland and Wales, we have also Lodges in New South Wales, with a Sub-Committee of Management; we have also lately sent Dispensations and Power to form a Sub-Committee of Management to the city of Madras, in the East Indies. You

will perceive by this that we are extending very rapidly, and if we can effect a union between your Lodges and the Lodges which are already formed in this country, which are doing exceedingly well, I think the Order will progress very rapidly, and no doubt, will in a few years rival the I. O. of O. F. in this country. You will please drop me a note, and let me know about the time the Deputies will be ready, and I will make the necessary arrangements, and inform you of the time and place of meeting.

Yours with great respect,

PETER OGDEN,

Of Victoria Lodge, No. 448, Liverpool.

The following is the reply to the above letter:

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

PORT CARBON, Schuylkill Co., Pa., Aug. 9, 1847.

PETER OGDEN, P. G. M.

Sir:—Your communication announcing your arrival in New York, and your readiness to confer with the Deputies on the subject of the proposed union between the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows of Great Britain and the United Order of the United States, has been duly received by the undersigned, to whom was referred the whole matter by the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, America. And having been informed that *you are a colored man*, in reply we regret to say that owing to the prejudice which unfortunately exists in the minds of the people of this country, we have to decline meeting you; for we are fully confident that was the undersigned willing to cast aside their own prejudices and consent to meet you on grounds of perfect equality, all that they might say and do would eventually be frustrated by the Order at large in this country. We had thought that the brethren in Great Britain were fully sensible of this fact, and that they certainly would spare those feelings which we fear the circumstances will give rise to. And that they would not for a moment harbor the thought of our condescending to a negotiation, which in the very outset would nail down the coffin lid upon the skeleton of our Order; for the prejudices of the people of the United States are such, that were we to effect a union with yourself, in two years from the date thereof, our Order among the white community would have faded from existence. Of this fact, you sir, can not be ignorant; and you will, therefore, we trust, receive this communication fully appreciating our own disappointment, and feeling the same regret at the error; or, perhaps, want of perspicuity on the part of the brethren in Great Britain on matters of this character in America.

Besides, when we consider the *position* of our formidable rival, the I. O. O. F., which we believe to be no less formidable in Great Britain, we are more fully admonished of the impropriety of meeting again, and of the dangerous results of such a meeting to the best interests of our own Order. But it is unnecessary for us to enlarge on this matter, as we feel satisfied that you are as well acquainted with the prejudices of our people as we ourselves.

We do not, however, wish negotiations to close with this communication for we believe our Order should be one and universal throughout the habitable globe, and we may address another communication to the

A. M. C. on the subject, hoping that a Deputy may be sent with whom there will be no difficulty on the grounds of color; for we believe a union can be affected that will prove beneficial and satisfactory to all concerned.

If the A. M. C. or Committee of Management may have forwarded any communications by you to the Grand Lodge, you will please forward them to either of the undersigned. Should our information relative to yourself be erroneous, you will please inform us.

Sincerely hoping that the present difficulty may speedily be removed, we are, with respect, etc., signed:

ROBERT M. PALMER, *P. R. W. G. Sire*,
 GEORGE HEATON, *P. R. W. G. Sire*,
 MORRIS H. GORHAM, *R. W. G. Secretary*.

To Peter Ogden, *P. G. M.*

Ship "Patrick Henry."

The following is a copy of the second letter sent:

NEW YORK, Aug. 12, 1847.

Sir:—Thinking it quite time that I should have an answer from you, yesterday morning I wrote a letter to see whether you had received mine. On the way to the post-office I stopped at our office, and found what purported to be an answer to my letter to you, and must say was much surprised at its contents, and should not have condescended to answer it were it not for the purpose of correcting an error which you and your colleagues seem to have fallen into, in regard to the knowledge which the people of Great Britain and the Committee of Management have concerning the state of parties in America, etc. .

In regard to your first objection, you say you have heard I was a *colored man*. That is true, and I am not ashamed to own it, and the whole Order is acquainted with the fact, as well as the Committee of Management at Leeds. Those who do not know it personally, know it by the magazines which are published by our Order, also by my addresses, several of which have been published in England and America. In regard to the second point in your communication, *I would not meet you on any other ground than perfect equality in every sense of the word*, and the instructions from the A. M. C. of our Order in May last to the Committee of Management was that nothing should be done that would interfere with the lodges already established here. With regard to the effects which an union might have upon what *you justly term the skeleton of your Order*, I think the course you are pursuing will very soon *nail down the coffin lid*, and consign it to oblivion, and the world will be led to view it among the *things that once were*, but is now "*no more forever*." And you will recollect that the United Order of 1830 is not the re-organized and *enrolled Grand United Order* of 1847; and we number now upwards of nine hundred lodges.

We are more extended than the I. O. O. F. of America, as we have lodges in New South Wales, with a Sub-Committee of Management; and lately sent dispensations and a grant to form a Sub-Committee of Management to the city of Madras, in the East Indies. You will bear in mind that they are not *white people*, and in the district of Liverpool where

they have a perfect knowledge of the *prejudices* in America, there are a great number of colored Americans, who have joined both the Grand United Order and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and they are much sought after by both Orders; and in several of our lodges in America are members who have drawn their cards from the lodges, write now very flattering accounts, and I feel confident that in a very brief space of time some of the Northern and Eastern towns will come in, notwithstanding the *bugbear prejudice* which seems to frighten your colleagues so much.

To speak the truth, it does appear to me that your members' ideas are rather *antiquated*, and have not kept pace with the age. I am the more strengthened in this belief from the fact of your having started some fifteen or sixteen years ago with a comparatively clear field before you, the United Order, and during the whole of that time you have not been able to finish paying for your *dispensations*, and your Order has dwindled to a skeleton, and from appearances is about making *its last gasp*. I find you have yet to learn one fact concerning our Order, which is that

"No pent-up nation, country, or complexion,
confines our powers,

But the whole unbounded universe is ours."

As a contrast to your Order's proceedings, I take pleasure in being able to inform you that since I opened the first Lodge on the first of March, 1843, we have granted twenty-one dispensations for Subordinate Lodges, and I have opened two Grand Master's Chapters, all of which are doing exceedingly well; and if some of your members should happen to be in Philadelphia on the fifth of October next, they will see the G. M.'s Chapter turn out and I feel confident they will not disgrace themselves or the Order. I shall not see them myself, as I shall then be in Liverpool. I mention these things to show that our Order is not a *skeleton*, but is *sound* both in *mind and limb*. In regard to communications from the Committee of Management, I have none for your colleagues or self, the whole business having been left in my hands with unlimited powers. I have your communication directed to P. G. M. Taylor, which I will hold until further orders from the Committee of Management.

With best respects,

PETER OGDEN, P. G. M.,

Of Victoria Lodge, No. 448, Liverpool.

The preceding are true copies of the letters which I sent, and I felt assured at the time that I was carrying out the wishes of the Committee of Management, but of that, of course, they will be the best judges when they read the correspondence. But of one thing I feel confident, which is this, that however degenerate and recreant to their principles some of Britain's sons might prove when in a foreign land, the Committee of Management would always remain firm to theirs.

My kindest regards to the members of the Committee of Management.

Truly yours in the bonds of F., L. and T.,

PETER OGDEN.

December 14, 1847, the S. C. of M. in session at New York adopted the following:

Resolved, That we congratulate P. G. M. Brother Ogden, here present, upon his safe return, and we are happy to hail him once more among us.

Resolved, That we transmit per hands of Brother Ogden, fifty dollars, to C. of M. at Leeds, to be placed to our credit on account of Dispersations, etc., etc.

This act not only emphasized the esteem with which our Father and Founder was ever held by the S. C. of M. but it was another manifestation of the implicit confidence they had in his honesty and integrity.

SUMMARY OF EVENTS IN 1847.

Jan. 5.—P. G. M. Peter Ogden dispatched to England by S. C. M.

Jan. 26.—Important letter received from C. of M., England.

Apr. 13.—P. G. M. Peter Ogden returned from England and reported to S. C. of M.

First emblems designed for the Councils in America.

July 26.—Dispensation granted to institute Covenant Lodge, No. 895, Philadelphia, Pa.

Aug. 31.—Dispensation granted to institute Brotherly Love Lodge, No. 896, Harrisburg, Pa.

Sept. 20.—Historical letters of Ogden to the C. of M., England.

Sept. 29.—Dispensation granted to institute Star of Bethlehem Lodge, No. 897, Wilmington, Del.

Dispensation granted to institute Friendship Lodge, No. 898, Philadelphia, Pa.

Oct. 6.—Third A. M. C. met in Unity Lodge Room, North Sixth Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dec. 14.—S. C. of M. at New York congratulates P. G. M. Peter Ogden.

CHAPTER VII.

THE FIFTH SUB-COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT, 1848.

At the last A. M. C. there was presented a communication from an Association in St. George's, Bermuda, West Indies. The letter was referred to this meeting by the Committee of Management of England, who had been petitioned to grant a dispensation to open a Lodge on that island. The islands being nearer the United States than England, they were considered as belonging to the jurisdiction of the S. C. M., and hence the communication was thus referred, with a polite request that the S. C. of M. grant the dispensation, which was accordingly done on the 2d day of February, 1848.

The Lodge was styled :

SOMERS' PRIDE OF INDIA, No. 899,

and was the first Lodge opened in the West India Islands. The Lodge was set apart by Grand Secretary Jas. Fields who was sent from this country for that purpose.

Feb. 28, 1848.—Terry Lodge, No. 900, New York, N. Y., was granted its dispensation.

Mch. 16, 1848.—The S. C. of M. adopted rules and regulations for the government of District and Deputy District Lecturers.

Apr. 11, 1848.—“P. G. M. Peter Ogden, Trans-Atlantic Agent of the G. U. O. met the S. C. of M. and produced an acknowledgment of the receipt, and confirmation of the minutes of the A. M. C. in America (1847) by the C. M. at Leeds, in a written certificate, signed by all the members of the C. M. at Leeds, and the seal of the same, also an acknowledgment of the fifty dollars sent by the S. C. M. to the C. M. at Leeds on account of debt due the Order in England. Brother Ogden produced the books, &c., ordered by the S. C. M. and the bills for the same being 10£, 4s., 8d., (sterling).”

P. G. M. Peter Ogden having obtained the Warrant for the Council at Boston, Mass., the S. C. of M. appointed him and the Grand Master, Geo. T. Downing, to open the Council. P. G. M.

Councils No. 1, New York, and No. 2 at Philadelphia, were notified to appoint one of their members to make up the Committee to set apart P. G. M. Council No. 3, at Boston, Mass.

June 1, 1848.—The dispensation was granted to Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 816, to institute Carthagenia Lodge, No. 901, Philadelphia, Pa.

June 13, 1848.—The dispensation was granted to Union Friendship Lodge, No. 891, to institute Eden Lodge, No. 902, Baltimore, Md.

THE FOURTH A. M. C., 1848.

Oct. 4, 1848.—The A. M. C. met in the Lodge Room of Philomathean Lodge, No. 712, Albany, N. Y. Fourteen Lodges responded to roll call.

It was at this meeting that the chairman first ruled that the G. M. and G. S. could take no part in the discussion of questions before an A. M. C., (See page 4, Fourth A. M. C. proceedings). On a test vote the chairman was not sustained in his ruling, (page 6).

S. C. OF M. ELECTED FOR 1849:

P. G. M., JOHN PETERSON, G. M.
 P. G. M., FRANCIS MYERS, D. G. M.
 P. G. M., U. B. VIDAL, G. T.
 P. G. M., JAMES FIELDS, G. S.

DIRECTORS.

P. G. M. WESLEY B. JACOBS. |
 P. G. M. PETER DEROMAS.
 P. G. M. LEWIS VALENTINE.
 P. G. M. PHILLIP A. WHITE.

Nov. 14, 1848.—Union Friendship Lodge, 891, Washington, D. C., made application for a Warrant to open a P. G. M. Council, No. 4. The Warrant was granted, and P. G. M.'s James Needham and James R. Gordon, of Council No. 2, were appointed to institute the Council in said city. It being the first Council opened south of Mason and Dixon's line.

Dec. 26, 1848.—The dispensation was granted to Phoenix Lodge, No. 894, to institute "Urania Lodge, No. 963, at Fettesville, Camden, N. J."

THE FIRST TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE.

Dec. 28, 1848.—The First Triennial Conference of the Patriarchal Order of Past Grand Masters was held in the City of New York.

Three Councils were represented by the following delegates:

P. G. M. James Fields, of Council No. 1.

P. G. M. Jeremiah W. Bowers, of Council No. 1.

P. G. M. James Needham, of Council No. 2.

P. G. M. Robert A. Revalyon, of Council No. 3.

P. G. M. Samuel Thompson, of Council No. 3.

SUMMARY OF EVENTS IN 1848.

Feb. 2.—Dispensation granted to open Somer's Pride of India Lodge, No. 899, St. George's, Bermuda.

Feb. 28.—Dispensation granted to open Terry Lodge, No. 900, New York, N. Y.

Apr. 11.—P. G. M. Peter Ogden appointed to open P. G. M. Council, No. 3, Boston, Mass.

June 1.—Dispensation granted to open Carthaginian Lodge, No. 901, Philadelphia, Pa.

June 13.—Dispensation granted to open Eden Lodge, No. 902, Baltimore, Md.

Oct. 4.—The Fourth A. M. C. convened at Albany, N. Y.

Nov. 4.—The Warrant was granted to open P. G. M. Council, No. 4, Washington, D. C.

Dec. 28.—The First Triennial Conference of P. G. M.'s convened at New York, N. Y.

CHAPTER VIII.

THE SIXTH SUB-COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT, 1849.

The only important acts of this Board were the granting of two dispensations, and removing the prohibition against members above the fourth or Blue Degree attending the sessions of the S. C. of M.

Jan. 3, 1849.—The S. C. of M. elected by the Fourth A. M. C. were installed by P. G. M. Geo. T. Downing.

Mch. 13, 1849.—Phoenix Lodge, No. 894, was granted a dispensation to institute Mount Olive Lodge, No. 964, Philadelphia, Pa.

May 24, 1849.—The dispensation was granted to Brotherly Love Lodge, No. 896, to institute Friendship Lodge, No. 965, York, Pa.

THE FIFTH A. M. C., 1849.

The A. M. C. met in the city of Hartford, Conn., Oct. 3d. 1849, with fifteen Lodges represented. The burden of the propositions presented to this meeting was to remove the headquarters of the Order from New York to Philadelphia. Having failed to receive a three-fourths vote they were all declared lost.

The following were elected to constitute the S. C. of M. for 1850.

P. G. M., JAMES R. GORDON, G. M.
P. G. M., DAVID B. BOWSER, D. G. M.
P. G. M., JAMES NEEDHAM, G. S.
P. G. M., JESSE H. TURNER, G. T.

GRAND DIRECTORS.

P. G. M., JOSEPH JOHNSON.
P. G. M., BASIL M. GOINS.
P. G. M., EDWARD J. JOHNSON.
P. G. M., WILLIAM ALLEN.

This A. M. C. having failed to pass any of the propositions by three-fourths vote as required by the General Laws of the

Order, proceeded by motion to reconsider the vote just before the close of the sessions, adopted the proposition from Passaic Lodge, 815, and instructed the Grand Master-elect to remove all the effects of the Order to the city of Philadelphia. This act caused considerable ill feeling, especially between the Lodges of New York City and Philadelphia.

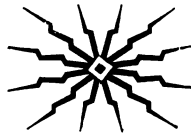
SUMMARY OF EVENTS IN 1849.

Jan. 3.—The S. C. of M. elected for 1849, installed into office

Mar. 13.—Dispensation granted to open Mount Olive Lodge, No. 964, Philadelphia, Pa.

May 24.—Dispensation granted to open Friendship Lodge, No. 965, York, Pa.

Oct. 3.—The Fifth A. M. C. convened at Hartford, Conn.



CHAPTER IX.

THE SEVENTH SUB-COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT, 1850.

On the seventh day of January, 1850, the S. C. of M. held its first meeting in Philadelphia, Pa., in Unity Lodge Room, at 82 North Sixth Street. The headquarters of the Order had been located in New York City for seven years, and would doubtless have been continued there if internal dissention and jealousy had not threatened the further usefulness of the Board in that city.

However, Lodges Nos. 646, 710, and 900 protested against the removal of the headquarters, and the Grand Officers of 1849 refused at first to give up the Warrant, books, etc., to the new S. C. of M., which was composed of Philadelphians.

Grand Master Jas. R. Gordon called the meeting to order and stated that he had been duly installed by the Grand Secretary, Jas. Fields, in the presence of Hannibal Lodge, No. 817, New York City. He further stated that he was authorized to install the remaining portion of the S. C. of M., and then proceeded to install the several officers. After the installation was concluded the G. M. made some brief remarks, stating that he had received from the ex-G. S. the books and property belonging to the Order. He expressed the hope that the Board would act with harmony and for the general good of the Order, and that it might be able to avoid falling into difficulties that existed with the late S. C. M.

The Grand Secretary was instructed to inform all Lodges of the organization of the S. C. of M. and to furnish such as have complied with the doings of the Annual Meeting, with one dozen of the A. M. C. Minutes.

Jan. 7, 1850.—Passaic Lodge No. 815 was granted a dispensation to institute Fidelity Lodge, No. 966, Princeton, N. J.

Jan. 21, 1850.—The G. S., Jas. Needham, addressed the following letter to the Committee of Management in England:

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 21st., 1850.

TO THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT OF THE G. U. O. OF O. F.

Sirs and Brothers.—As the official Secretary of the Order for the United States I have the honor to communicate to you gentlemen the information that the S. C. M. elected by the late A. M. C. held at Hartford, Conn., in October last, held their first meeting in Philadelphia, Pa., on the 7th instant was duly organized.

It is the earnest desire of the Board to discharge the duties involving upon them as the head of the Order in this country, with a view to its general good and prosperity.

In transmitting to you our first communication we cannot but express our grateful acknowledgements for the many favors your honorable body has been pleased to extend to the Order this side of the Atlantic, which favors, I assure you are highly appreciated by this Board.

We regret that the peace and harmony of our Order has been somewhat disturbed and some ill feelings engendered with a few individuals, caused by difficulties which have occurred in New York City during the past year. Yet as a general thing we believe that a desire to promote the best interest of our noble institution.

An account of the difficulties referred to, together with the doings of the A. M. C. held at Hartford, Conn., were sent to you by the ex-G. S., Jas. Fields, and it has been hoped that ere this an answer would have been received. Fearing that Bro. Field's communication may not have reached you, I transmit with this another copy of said communication, and shall at the first opportunity send you the printed minutes of the A. M. C.

In addition, gentlemen, to what the ex-G. S. states in his document, I want to say that the action of the last A. M. C. meets the hearty concurrence of the Lodges generally, excepting the three Lodges in New York City, viz: Philomathean 646, Hamilton 710, and Terry 900. I would further add that owing to the continued difficulties which were from time to time occurring with the brethren in the said city of New York, is the only reason which prompted the desire for the removal of the S. C. M. to Philadelphia and has finally resulted to that end.

The S. C. M. do most earnestly and respectfully request your answer whether you approve of the actions of the late annual meeting held in this country and of the course pursued by Brother Jas. Fields, G. S., and Brother Lewis Valentine, Director of the late S. C. M. Your answer will not only be satisfactory to the Board but the whole Order here, and possibly restore harmony again with the disaffected party.

By reference to the annual meeting minutes, you will see that a special tax is levied for the purpose to enable us to pay the debt due the C. M., and the Board will use every effort to liquidate it as fast as they can. You will oblige us by sending a bill of the whole amount of our indebtedness, and also to inform us whether you have received \$50, sent by the Hardens Express.

We shall endeavor to make arrangements to correspond with you more regularly. We had always expected that a regular correspondence was kept up between you and the S. C. M. and were surprised to learn within a few days past that Brother Peter Ogden had resigned his agency—the information came to us by accident, for we have had no communication from Brother Ogden. We should like Brother Ogden or some worthy Brother as agent, for it would be greatly convenient to transmit communication by some authorized person.

I conclude, gentlemen, with the hope of hearing from you at an early period, and subscribe myself,

Yours with great respect in the bonds of F., L. and T.,

JAMES NEEDHAM, G. S. of S. C. of M.



W. H. OWENS, Esq.,
Grand Master in England, 1902-03.

Jan. 28, 1850.—Eden Lodge, No. 902 was granted a dispensation to institute Olive Lodge, No. 967, Baltimore, Md.

A few days after mailing the letter of the Grand Secretary of the date of Jan. 21, 1850, the S. C. of M. of 1849 received the following communication:

COMMITTEE ROOM, November 30th, 1849.

TO THE SUB-COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT, New York, America.

Respected Sirs and Brethren:—Yours of the 22d day of October, 1849, came duly to hand as well as other lengthened documents from other parties, also the minutes of the A. M. C., held in Philadelphia, to which minutes and correspondence, every attention has been paid by the Committee of Management, Leeds, England, and after strict and persevering examination of all which have been received, the said Committee came to the following resolution, viz:

1. That the Sub-Committee of Management remain in New York during the ensuing year, the *Warrant* being granted for that city only, but should circumstances transpire next year to call for a removal of the Sub-Committee of Management from New York, the subject will then be taken into consideration by the Committee of Management, England, and a new *Warrant* will be allowed, providing that a proposition to that effect has been sent to the Sub-Committee of Management constitutionally by a Lodge, and carried by a ~~large~~ majority of the A. M. C.
2. That the minutes passed at the A. M. C. held in Philadelphia, America, be hereby confirmed by the Committee of Management, Leeds, England, with the exceptions of the portions *crossed with red ink*.
3. That at all future meetings of the A. M. C. in America the officers of the Sub-Committee of Management shall be chosen on the last day's sitting, and likewise the Auditors shall be appointed at the same time to audit the account of the Order in America, and so forth, at each ensuing A. M. C.
4. That in case of the decease of any member or members of the Sub-Committee of Management, or any one becoming unfinancial in his Lodge, or the resignation of any one, in any case aforementioned, the Lodge from which such member was elected, shall have the power of filling up such vacancy or vacancies so occurring.
5. The appeal of P. G. M. George Downing having been recognized by the A. M. C., and investigated, the decision there come to is final, and such decision cannot be altered by the Sub-Committee of Management, as all resolutions passed by the A. M. C., the Sub-Committee are in duty bound to carry into effect.
6. Any Lodge or member can appeal to the A. M. C. unless finally settled by arbitration.

Cordially reciprocating towards you the same feelings you have expressed towards us, at the same time we exceedingly regret there should arise amongst you so much difference of opinion, creating so much uneasiness in the United States of America, we are sure it is in the power of the Sub-Committee of Management to spread throughout the whole Order in America full confidence and happiness and cause brotherly love to prevail stronger and stronger, until its strength and

mightiness is known and admired by all, thereby causing the Order to swell throughout the States. Trusting the Divine Hand of Providence will guide you onward, and peace be your landmark, we subscribe ourselves in the bonds of F. L. & T.,

Yours very sincerely,

GEORGE TERRY, G. M.
JOHN TAYLOR, D. G. M.
JOHN C. HOLROYD, G. S.
JAMES M. BUCKLEY.
JOHN HOPPS.
JOHN THORP.
JOHN MOSS.
WILLIAM BEST.

MR. FIELDS.

Dear Sir and Brother:—The above is a copy sent to the Sub-Committee of Management and which answers the questions asked by you as well as the questions asked by the Sub-Committee for which reason the Committee of Management authorized me to send to you the above copy.

Wishing you health and happiness, I am, sir,

Yours sincerely,

JOHN C. HOLYROYD, G. S.

Ex-G. M. Peterson, of New York, demanded the return of all books, etc., in the hands of the present Sub-Committee. The Committee of Management ordered the Warrant, etc., returned to New York, but the Sub-Committee of Management disregarded both the demand and the order.

Jan. 30, 1850.—The S. C. of M. addressed the following communication to England:

PHILADELPHIA, January 30, 1850.

To the Committee of Management, G. U. O. of O. F., Leeds, England.

RESPECTED SIRS AND BROTHERS:—Although I wrote to you by the last steamer, yet your answer to James Fields and others, in New York, require that I, on behalf of myself and associates, should again intrude upon your patience. We have been anxiously looking for your answer, but from the long delay, we did expect a different decision in regards to the removal of the S. C. M. to this city.

Here, gentlemen, permit me to hope that when you have taken into consideration the situation we are now placed into, and the attending circumstances, you will reconsider your first resolution, and confirm the removal.

Myself and colleagues agree in opinion with Brother Fields, and although the Warrant was granted for New York City, it was the general belief that when the S. C. of M. became eligible by an Annual Moveable Committee in America, that that A. M. C. has the power and right to decide where the S. C. of M. should be located. If petitioned by any of the lodges for that purpose, not doubting but that the C. of M. would sanction such an act.

Inasmuch as you allow us by the written laws to make such laws for our government as are workable in this country, and warranted with such a belief, I feel sure that the Lodges (four of them) who asked for the removal as well as the Delegates who voted for it; which you will see was a three-fourths vote, acted in good faith honestly impressed that they were doing what was best for the good of the Order in this country, to which your honorable body would not object. From the tenor of your remarks, I judge that you have been led into an error, believing that though the S. C. of M. of last year was divided from the fact that a part of them acted with their Lodges, and stood suspended for not complying with the decision of the A. M. C. in the case of G. T. Downing, that the remaining part had supplied the vacancies, and that the Board was still in existence in the said city of New York, as Brother Fields, has given you full particulars, I need not dwell upon that part of the subject. Suffice it to say, that the late Committee after rising of the A. M. C. divided and acted separately. The G. M. with one part and the G. S. with the other part, thus you see the S. C. of M. was virtually broken up; each party laid their claims to the several Lodges, and they (the Lodges,) with three exceptions in New York City, and one other decided in favor of the G. S. and his associate; he, therefore, with his colleague, kept the property of the Order in their possession until the proper time for the new Committee, elected by the A. M. C., for the present year to go into operation. When the proper time arrived the G. M. elect, proceeded to New York to receive the books of the *Order* as the A. M. C. had directed, and was installed by the G. S. and his colleague in presence of Hannibal Lodge, No. 817. They, the G. S., etc., being the parties acknowledged by the large majority of the Order to be the only legal power

The G. M., on his return to Philadelphia, installed the balance of the Committee, who are now in operation in this city and have *Warrant, Books, etc.*, in their possession. True there are five individuals in New York, who were members of the S. C. of M. last year, and claim to be the S. C. of M. at present; but the Lodges, excepting the few, will not acknowledge them a legal body. I repeat what I stated to you in my first communication "that owing to the continued difficulties which were from time to time occurring in New York with the brethren," and the party influences which seemed to operate upon the S. C. of M. and appeared likely to have some undue effect upon such as would most possibly be elected to the Committee in that city for a time to come, was the cause which induced the Lodges to desire the removal of the Committee to this city. In view of the facts in the case, and the present condition of affairs, and inasmuch as the removal has taken place, (which possibly would not have been had your decision been received at an earlier period,) and the new Committee entered upon their duties, (already granted two Dispensations which will be reported in due form.) In view of the whole circumstances, I cannot but believe that you gentlemen, will at once sanction the removal and legalize the action of the S. C. of M. now instituted in Philadelphia. I here venture to assert that in my humble opinion, should you in your wisdom continue to your present decision and maintain that the Committee shall remain in New York this year, and require that the Committee here shall cease and return the Warrant, etc., back to said city, then if such should be the case, it will create anarchy in the whole Order in this country, and very possibly a general dissolution. But, brethren, I feel assured from the

interest you have always manifested towards us, that you will reconsider the subject and decide that Philadelphia shall be the headquarters of the Order for this country. Trusting to your kind favors and to your wisdom we submit the matter to you, hoping to receive a speedy reply.

I am yours truly in bonds of F., L and T.,

JAMES NEEDHAM, *G. S. of S. C. of M. America.*

February 22, 1850, the S. C. of M., agreed to remove to New York, and accordingly held its next meeting, March 11, 1850, in that city. On March 28, 1850, the Board moved back to Philadelphia and has continued there ever since.

In May, 1850, the A. M. C. of England met at Bradford and considered the whole trouble between the S. C. of M. and ex-members of the Board. The result was the act of the A. M. C. of 1849, in America, with respect to removing the headquarters to Philadelphia was confirmed. Notice of the fact was received from England on June 25, 1850, and in less than fifteen days the Lodges in New York acquiesced and the Order moved on once more. It is remarkable how readily the members of our Order have always submitted to their superior officers and their rulings, even when it seemed that nothing less than a miracle would save the Order from a split and consequent dissolution.

Mar. 28, 1850.—A dispensation was granted to Unity Lodge, No. 711, to institute Union Lodge, No. 968, at West Chester, Pa.

May 13, 1850.—A dispensation was granted to Star of Bethlehem Lodge, No. 897, to institute United Brethren Lodge, No. 1023, Wilmington, Del.

THE SIXTH A. M. C., 1850.

The meeting convened in Bay State Lodge Room, 33 Cambridge Street, Boston, Mass., September 4, with nineteen Lodges represented, and re-elected the Sub-Committee of 1850, with one exception, Jonathan Davis was elected Grand Director instead of Edward J. Johnson.

No acts worthy of record here are noted in the printed proceedings.

Dec. 9, 1850.—The report of the Grand Secretary for the Quarter showed that the printing of the minutes of the A. M. C. cost \$22, and the printing of the Quarterly Circular, \$1.75.



GEORGE WILDE,
Grand Secretary, England.

SUMMARY OF EVENTS IN 1850.

Jan. 7.—The S. C. of M. met in Philadelphia for the first time.

The dispensation was granted to Fidelity Lodge, 966, Princeton, N. J.

Jan. 21.—Important correspondence opened between the S. C. of M. and the C. of M.

Jan. 28.—The dispensation was granted to Olive Lodge, No. 967, Baltimore, Md.

Mar. 11.—The S. C. of M. moved its headquarters to New York, N. Y.

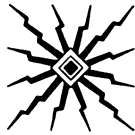
Mar. 27.—The dispensation was granted to Union Lodge, 968, West Chester, Pa.

Mar. 28.—The S. C. of M. removed its headquarters back to Philadelphia.

May 13.—The dispensation was granted to United Brethren Lodge, 1023, Wilmington, Del.

June 25.—The S. C. of M. received notice from the C. of M. of the confirmation of the acts of the A. M. C. of 1849.

Sept. 4.—The Sixth A. M. C. convened at Boston, Mass.



CHAPTER X.

THE EIGHTH SUB-COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT, 1851.

Jan. 3, 1851.—A dispensation was granted to Ogden Lodge, No. 812, to open Poor Man's Friend Lodge, No. 1024, Middletown, Conn. On the 13th of the same month the S. C. of M. met and elected Wm. H. Hawkins the agent of the Board to receive parcels from the Committee of Management at Leeds, England.

April 14, 1851, the S. C. of M. adopted the following:

"WHEREAS, By the enactment of a law by the State of Delaware, colored persons are prohibited going into said State, from having processions, holding meetings, &c., and

WHEREAS, In consequence of said enactment the annual meeting of the Grand United Order of Odd' Fellows cannot be held in Wilmington as appointed by the last A. M. C., therefore be it

Resolved, That the S. C. of M. do hereby appoint that the annual meeting for 1851 be held in the city of New Haven, Conn., said city having received the minority vote of the last A. M. C."

Wonderful changes have taken place since that time. Now, not only Delaware, but every State in the Union would gladly welcome a meeting of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows within its borders and feel honored at the presence of so many intelligent and influential colored men.

May 27, 1851.—A dispensation was granted to Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 816, to open Good Will Lodge, No. 1025, Norristown, Pa.

THE SEVENTH A. M. C., 1851.

September 3, 1851, the Annual Moveable Committee convened in the Ogden Lodge room, No. 75 Chapel Street, New Haven, Conn. The A. M. C. of 1850 selected the city of Wilmington, Delaware, for this meeting, but in consequence of a law subsequently passed by the legislature of Delaware, forbidding colored persons entering the State to hold meetings, the S. C. of M. named New Haven, Conn., as the place of meeting for 1851.

Seventeen delegates representing the Lodges in the States of New York, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland presented duly authenticated credentials. James R. Gordon, the Grand Master, called the meeting to order and delivered his annual address, as follows:

WORTHY AND RESPECTED DELEGATES:

It is a source of much gratification for me to meet you on this occasion, one that always brings with it interest and pleasure, as well as an interchange of sentiment between the delegated wisdom of the Order. The superstructure of Odd Fellowship erected by its ever honored founders was surely a temple of humanity. The manly and virtuous impulse that governed them in its organization, was an ardent desire to do good by the promulgation of its friendly principles. The evidences of their success presents itself here to-day in the joy-beaming countenance and fraternal greeting of the large delegation here present, that the seed has been cast in good soil, has taken root, and bears abundantly. And yet the Grand United Order is in its infancy in this country. We have watched with much anxiety its proud advance. It has penetrated the North, the South, the East, and West, but the consummation of its glory has not arrived nor will it until its radiant influences shall have extended throughout the land in the amelioration of human distress. The most important consideration that can address itself to the mind is the solemn and interesting inquiry, "How shall our institution be preserved and handed down with increased stability and additional lustre to posterity?" The answer is at hand, "The only firm and sure foundation of all institutions like ours is found in the constant and unswerving practice of their moral precepts and duties!" and we who have worshipped at its altars, and caught the pure flame of brotherly love, must continue in the constant practice of our duty, and by the correctness of our deportment afford the best argument of our purity as an institution to the community at large.

Then let us gather in our Lodges not the tares with the wheat; nor in our desire to increase other such materials that will not abide the shocks of adversity.

Never, I trust, shall this Order, devoted to the noblest purposes of benevolence, be polluted, or our temples erected to truth be robbed of their brightness, but rather that the pure influences of sound morality be felt in every mind.

Then let us lay ourselves fully open to those endearing influences which the Lodge is designed and calculated to exert over its inmates, and continue fast friends to Friend, Love and Truth.

It is well known to the delegates that the A. M. C. of 1850, sitting at Boston, Mass., voted that the A. M. C. of 1851 should sit at Wilmington, Del., but events recently transpired there to prevent our assemblage, it became necessary for the S. C. of M. to select a place of meeting. This instance being the first on record, since the organization of the Order in America, and the S. C. of M. having no law or precedent to govern their action, they decided to select New Haven, Conn., which place had received the next highest vote of the A. M. C. of 1850, and the Lodges cheerfully acquiesced in the selection.

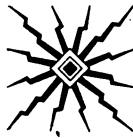
Routine business was dispatched and the following members were elected the Sub-Committee of Management for 1852:

P. G. M., JAMES R. GORDON, G. M.
P. G. M., DAVID B. BOWSER, D. G. M.
P. G. M., JAMES NEEDHAM, G. S.
P. G. M., BASIL N. GOINS, G. T.

GRAND DIRECTORS.

P. G. M., THOMAS C. BURTON.
P. G. M., JOHN C. BOWERS.
P. G. M., JOSEPH HART.
P. G. M., SAMUEL NICKLESS.

The membership of the Order at this time was 1470 persons, represented by twenty-five Lodges in good standing.



CHAPTER XI.

THE NINTH SUB-COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT, 1852.

Jan. 26, 1852.—United Brethren Lodge, No. 1023, which has been closed, was granted permission to reopen. On the same date the S. C. of M. received official notice of the ratification of the minutes of the A. M. C. held at New Haven, Conn., by the Committee of Management, England.

May 10, 1852.—Somers Pride of India Lodge, No. 899, made application for dispensation to open Alexandrina Lodge, No. 1026, Hamilton, Bermuda; and also for Victoria and Albert Lodge, No. 1027, Somerset, Bermuda. Both dispensations were granted.

May 17, 1852.—Union Friendship Lodge, No. 891, was granted a dispensation to open Eastern Star Lodge, No. 1028, Washington, D. C.

June 21, 1852, Eden Lodge, No. 902, was granted a dispensation to open Crystal Fount Lodge, No. 1061, Baltimore, Md.

July 12, 1852.—The Warrant was granted to institute Past Grand Masters' Chapter, No. 5, Wilmington, Del.

THE EIGHTH A. M. C., 1852.

Convened in the Lodge room of Brotherly Love Lodge, at Harrisburg, Pa., Wednesday, September 1, 1852.

Fifteen delegates were present.

Routine business was dispatched and the following brethren elected to constitute the S. C. of M. for 1853.

JAMES R. GORDON, Grand Master.

JOSEPH JOHNSON, Deputy Grand Master.

JAMES NEEDHAM, Grand Secretary.

SAMUEL NICKLESS, Grand Treasurer.

GRAND DIRECTORS.

JOHN C. BOWERS.

THOMAS C. BURTON.

WILLIAM P. GORDON.

DANIEL GEORGE.

Grand Master James R. Gordon in his annual address to the A. M. C., of 1852, speaking of the founder of the Order in America said:

"You who taught us to revere and love the Order, we hope will look back upon this dear bought prize, which no virtue of ours, however pure, could have obtained this side of the Atlantic. The cost to us then has been the peril of that mighty ocean, by the ever to be esteemed Founder and Father of our Order, Past Grand Master, Brother Peter Ogden, whose name should ever be held in grateful remembrance by all members of the Order, for his indefatigable exertions in successfully establishing on a firm basis the institution of all others the best adapted to carry out a more extended benevolence, committing its safety and interests to our hands, and we hope it will continue to be by us as dearly cherished, and our feelings cling around it with an evergreen fondness."

"It has been a laudable custom in all ages, and continues to the present day, among all civilized communities, to perpetuate the memory of distinguished individuals, by statuary or painting, as a token of honor to the individual so represented, and a mark of gratitude from the projectors; as also a stimulant to future generations to employ their time and talents in benefitting their fellow beings. Would it not be becoming in us to procure the likeness of our Founder, Brother Ogden, to place among the historical associations of our Order, from which a lithograph can be procured, and all our members supplied with a copy."

Before the close of the meeting the A. M. C. adopted the following resolution:

Resolved That the S. C. of M. be and are hereby instructed to obtain a steel plate engraving of the portrait of P. G. M. Peter Ogden, Founder of the G. U. O. of O. F., in America, and that each Lodge be furnished with an engraved copy, they paying for the same.

Sept. 13, 1852.—The Warrant was granted to institute Past Grand Masters' Chapter, No. 6, Baltimore, Md.

On the same date Orion Lodge, No. 819, made application for a dispensation to open a Lodge in Rochester, N. Y., under the title of United Friends Lodge, No. 1062. The dispensation was granted, but the title was not acceptable.

Nov. 8, 1852.—Hawthorne Lodge, No. 892, New Bedford, Mass., having been closed was granted permission to reopen.

DEATH OF THE FOUNDER.

PAST GRAND MASTER PETER OGDEN.

On November 29, 1852, Grand Master Gordon announced to the S. C. of M. the recent death, in the city of New York, of

F. G. M. Brother Peter Ogden, the founder of the Order in the United States. After making some feeling remarks presented the following preamble and resolutions, which were on motion unanimously adopted.

Whereas, It hath pleased the Divine Ruler of the universe to remove from amongst us, in the prime of life and in the midst of his usefulness the Father and Founder of our much cherished institution. We deeply lament this to us sudden and unexpected dispensation.

Resolved, That in the death of our esteemed, and much beloved Brother, Peter Ogden, whose exemplary character and goodness of heart endeared him to every member of the Order, who had the pleasure of his acquaintance, the Order in general has lost one of its brightest ornaments, and marking a faithful friend.

Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with his afflicted wife and family in their loss, and tender to them our sincere and heartfelt sympathy.

Resolved, That each Lodge on the receipt of the intelligence of the death of Brother Peter Ogden, be requested to take such action as their wisdom may dictate, and make a record of the same upon their minutes.

Resolved, That the members of this Committee will wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary convey a copy of these proceedings to Brother Ogden's family.

Resolved, That these proceedings be published in the *Philadelphia Public Ledger* and *New York Herald*.



CHAPTER XII.

THE TENTH SUB-COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT, 1853.

January 10, 1853, Bethlehem Lodge, No. 897, was granted a Dispensation to open Radiant Star Lodge, No. 1063, at Chester, Pa.

August 5, 1853, Brotherly Love Lodge, No. 896, was granted a Dispensation to open Western Star Lodge, No. 1064, Carlisle, Pa.

THE NINTH A. M. C., 1853.

Was held in Passaic Lodge room, Ellis Building, Commerce Street, Newark, N. J., September 7, 1853.

Twenty-two Lodges were represented.

The Grand Master, James R. Gordon, in his Annual Address feelingly announced the death of the Founder of the Order in America, P. G. M. Peter Ogden. He paid a high tribute to his worth as a "plain, unassuming, honest man, and faithful brother."

The A. M. C. chose the following Sub-Committee of Management for 1854:

JAMES R. GORDON, Grand Master.

WILLIAM ALLEN, Deputy Grand Master.

JAMES NEEDHAM, Grand Secretary.

SAMUEL NICKLESS, Grand Treasurer.

GRAND DIRECTORS.

BASIL N. GOINS.

JOSEPH JOHNSON.

JOHN C. BOWERS.

DAVID B. BOWSER.

December 7, 1853, Banneker Lodge, No. 810, was granted a Dispensation to open Wellington Lodge, No. 1065, Chatham, Ontario, Canada.

CHAPTER XIII.

THE ELEVENTH SUB-COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT, 1854.

January 9, 1854. D. B. Bowser, who had been elected a Grand Director by the Ninth A. M. C., resigned, and William A. Holland, of Mount Olive Lodge, No. 964, was elected by the S. C. of M. to fill the vacancy.

March 13, 1854. United Friends Lodge, No. 1062, was granted a Dispensation to open Britania Lodge, No. 1066, Hamilton, Ontario.

June 12, 1854. Banneker Lodge, No. 810, was granted a Dispensation to open Victoria Lodge, No. 1117, Toronto, Canada.

August 28, 1854. Olive Lodge, No. 967, was granted a Dispensation to open United Sons of the Morning Lodge, No. 1118, Annapolis, Md.

AUTHORITY FOR THE S. C. OF M. OVER ALL BRANCHES DEFINED.

For ten years the jurisdiction of the S. C. of M. over the Past Grand Masters' Councils was a mooted question. The Councils contending that they were independent bodies and not subject to the rules of the S. C. of M., nor amenable to the Board for any infraction of the General Laws of the G. U. O. of O. F. This position they maintained boldly, and the S. C. of M. tacitly admitted it. But in the year 1854 the Board decided to make this question an issue, and directed the Grand Secretary to submit a series of questions to the Committee of Management, England, bearing upon the relationship of this branch of the Order and its rules in America.

The questions were considered and answers returned as follows:

1. What Constitutional relations has the S. C. of M. over the P. G. M. Chapters?

Ans. The same as over the individual Lodges under the Subcommittee of Management.

2. As the Warrants for Chapters emanate from the same source as Dispensations do for lodges, are they not equally amenable as a body to that source or head, as the subordinate Lodges are for any and every breach of Laws, Rules, etc.?

Ans. Certainly they are.

3. If they will not submit to the Laws and orders of the S. C. of M., can they not be suspended by the S. C. of M. until they comply?

Ans. Yes.

4. Have Chapters any right to act as an independent body, not subject to the control of the C. of M., or S. C. of M. wherever located?

Ans. They must be subject to the head that governs them wherever located, according to rule.

(Signed) JOHN YOUNG, Grand Secretary,

Dated at Leeds, England,

September 6, 1854.

THE TENTH A. M. C., 1854.

Convened in Union Lodge room, on Market Street, near Church Street, West Chester, Pa., September 6, 1854.

Twenty-two Lodges were represented.

Grand Master Gordon delivered a most excellent address.

Routine business was dispatched, and the following Subcommittee of Management was chosen for 1855:

P. G. M. DAVID B. BOWSER, Grand Master.

P. G. M. JOHN C. BOWERS, Deputy Grand Master.

P. G. M. JAMES NEEDHAM, Grand Secretary.

P. G. M. BASIL N. GOINS, Grand Treasurer.

DIRECTORS.

P. G. M. JONATHAN DAVIS.

P. G. M. JOSEPH JOHNSON.

P. G. M. FRANCIS R. MILLER.

P. G. M. THOMAS C. BURTON.

The G. S. introduced to the notice of the A. M. C. the lithograph portrait of P. G. M., Peter Ogden, founder of the G. U. O. of O. F., in America, which had been executed by the S. C. of M. according to instructions of the A. M. C., of 1852.

On motion it was resolved that each Delegate be presented with a copy, and that they introduce to their Lodges the propriety of purchasing the portraits to sell to their members.

Thirty Lodges made annual returns to this A. M. C., showing 1482 members on roll.

December 11, 1854. Friendship Lodge, No. 898, was granted a Dispensation to open Hope Lodge, No. 1119, Christianaville, Pa.



CHAPTER XIV.

THE TWELFTH SUB-COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT, 1855.

January 8, 1855, the new Board was inducted into office. On the 22d of the same month Brotherly Love, No. 896, was granted the Dispensation of Susquehanna Lodge, No. 1120, Harrisburg, Pa.

May 28, 1855. Good Hope Lodge, No. 1121, West Philadelphia, Pa., received its Dispensation through Carthaginian Lodge, No. 901.

THE ELEVENTH A. M. C., 1855.

Met at Reading, Pennsylvania, in Jochabed Lodge room, September 5.

Twenty-two Lodges were represented.

No important measures were adopted by this meeting.

The brethren chosen to constitute the S. C. of M. for 1856 were:

D. B. BOWSER, Grand Master.

WILLIAM S. GORDON, Deputy Grand Master.

JAMES NEEDHAM, Grand Secretary.

JOSEPH JOHNSON, Grand Treasurer.

GRAND DIRECTORS.

JOHN C. BOWERS.

U. B. VIDAL.

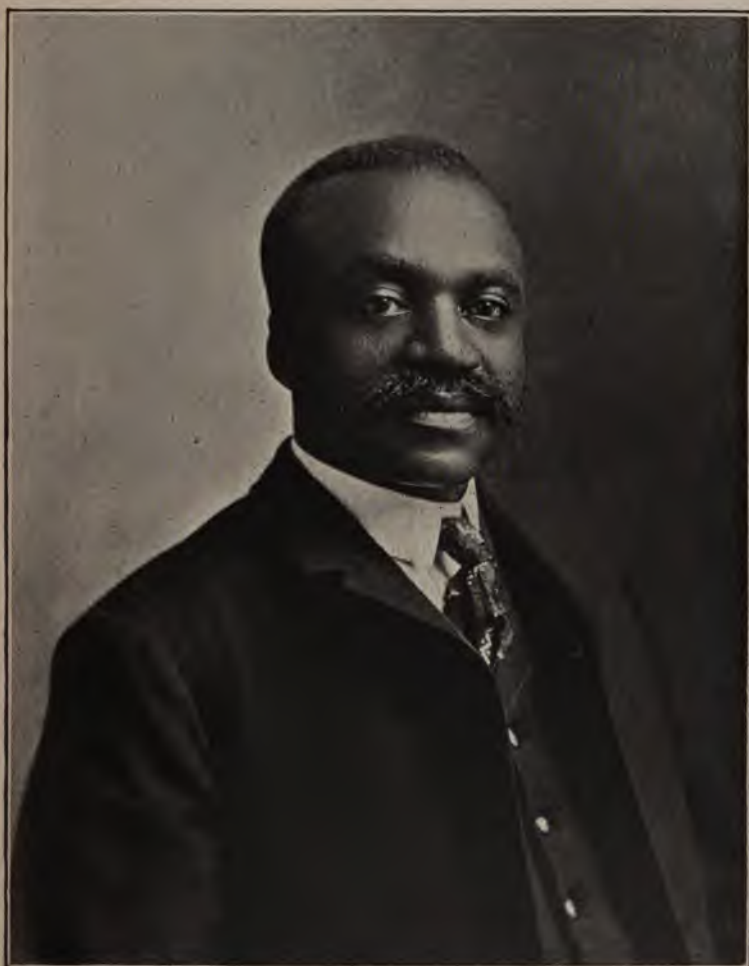
WILLIAM E. GIPSON.

ROBERT C. GORDON.

October 8, 1855. Olive Lodge, No. 967, was granted the Dispensation to open Mount Zion Lodge, No. 1122, at Port Deposit, Md.

On the same date the Warrant was granted to open P. G. M. Council, No. 7, Harrisburg, Pa.

November 26, 1855. Star of Bethlehem Lodge, No. 897,

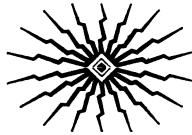


GEORGE E. TEMPLE,
Grand Director, G. U. O. O. F. in America.

was granted the Dispensation to open Diamond State Lodge, No. 1184, Odessa, Del.

On the same date the Warrant was granted to institute P. G. M. Council, No. 8, Hamilton, Bermuda.

December 10, 1855. Union Friendship Lodge, No. 891, was granted the Dispensation to open John F. Cook Lodge, No. 1185, Washington, D. C.



CHAPTER XV.

THE THIRTEENTH SUB-COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT, 1856.

January 14, 1856, the S. C. of M. first adopted a distinctive badge for that body—scarlet and purple ribbons to be worn on the left breast.

April 14, 1856. Eden Lodge, No. 902, was granted the Dispensation to open Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 1186, Baltimore, Md.

May 12, 1856. Robert C. Gordon, Grand Director, resigned, and B. N. Goins, of Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 816, was elected in his stead.

On the same date the Dispensation to open Zerubabel Lodge, No. 1187, Baltimore, Md., was granted to Crystal Fount Lodge, No. 1061.

May 19, 1856. Banneker Lodge, No. 810, was granted the Dispensation to open Ohio Lodge, 1188, Cleveland, Ohio.

On the same date Joseph Johnson resigned the treasuryship of the Board, and B. N. Goins was promoted to the position.

THE TWELFTH A. M. C., 1856.

Convened in Hamilton Lodge room, at New York City, Wednesday, September 3rd, with 23 delegates present.

Grand Master David B. Bowser in referring to the names of those, who with earnest hearts and willing hands helped to support this Order in its infancy, said: "P. G. M. Peter Ogden, the pioneer of our Order in this Country, our much lamented and beloved brother, has gone to that undiscovered Country, from whose bourne no traveler returns. Let him rest in peace, and may the tears of friendship and love bedew the grass that grows upon his grave—may his name be revered, and the proudest monument to his memory be in the hearts of the Brotherhood. Posterity owes him a debt of gratitude; let them be taught to lisp his name with pride, pointing to him as the brightest jewel of our Order in this country, and as the benefactor of his race."

Union Friendship Lodge, No. 891, Washington, D. C., offered the first proposition looking toward the establishment of District Lodges. The proposition was lost by a vote of eight to eleven.

RUTH DEGREE.

Hamilton Lodge, No. 710, New York City, offered the first proposition to establish a "Degree to be conferred, under certain conditions, on Females." The proposition was explained by delegate P. H. Reason, and on motion the A. M. C.

Resolved, That it be referred to the S. C. of M., to report at the next A. M. C.

THE S. C. OF M. FOR 1857.

D. B. BOWSER, G. M. JAS. NEEDHAM, G. S.
JOHN C. BOWERS, D. G. M. BASIL W. GOINS, G. T.

GRAND DIRECTORS.

THOMAS CHARNOCK. HENRY H. WILLIAMS.
ALEXANDER GUY. ULYSSES B. VIDAL.

The A. M. C. adjourned to participate in the annual parade and banquet. Past Grand Master Patrick H. Reason was chosen as orator of the day, and he delivered, in Broadway Tabernacle, New York City, September 4, 1856, the finest address that ever the A. M. C. had the pleasure of listening to up to that time. The address is published in full in the A. M. C. proceedings of 1856.

CHAPTER XVI.

THE FOURTEENTH SUB-COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT, 1857.

The proposition before the last A. M. C. relative to establishing a branch to be styled the "Ruth Degree," was referred by the S. C. of M. to a committee to prepare the Ritualistic work. July 13, 1857, the Ritual was submitted, and on July 23, 1857, the S. C. of M. approved of it, and forwarded the manuscript to the C. of M., England, for confirmation.

Nothing more could be done in this matter until the manuscript was returned.

July 31, 1857. Olive Lodge, No. 967, was granted the Dispensation to open King David Lodge, No. 1189, Baltimore, Md.

SECOND TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE.

August 27 and 28, 1857, the second conference of the P. O. of P. G. M.'s was held in New York City. Four Councils were represented by the following delegates, viz:

P. G. M. PATRICK H. REASON, of Council No. 1.		
"	WILLIAM A. MEARS,	" 1.
"	JAMES R. GORDON,	" 2.
"	WILLIAM E. GIPSON,	
"	ABSALOM BLACK,	
"	DAVID H. GUSTUS,	" 5.
"	WILLIAM WILLIAMS,	" 6.

THE THIRTEENTH A. M. C., 1857.

The Thirteenth Annual Meeting convened in Union Lodge room, Philadelphia, Pa., September 2d, with 28 delegates in attendance.

The Grand Secretary submitted the Ritualistic work prepared by the S. C. of M. for the "Ruth Degree," which had been



N. A. ANDERSON,
Grand Director, G. U. O. O. F. in America.

approved by the S. C. of M. and confirmed by the C. of M. The ceremony was adopted. (See proceedings of 1857, A. M. C., pages 10 and 11).

The following brothers were chosen to constitute the S. C. of M. for 1858:

DAVID B. BOWSER, G. M.

JOHN C. BOWERS, D. G. M.

JAMES NEEDHAM, G. S.

BASIL N. GOINS, G. T.

GRAND DIRECTORS.

HENRY GORDON.

U. B. VIDAL.

THOMAS CHARNOCK.

AMOS GUYER.

September 18, 1857. Unity Lodge, No. 711, was granted the Dispensation to open Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 1213, Philadelphia, Pa.



CHAPTER XVII.

THE FIFTEENTH SUB-COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT, 1853.

January 11, 1858. The S. C. of M. met as usual in their room, Southeast corner Seventh and Market Streets, Philadelphia, Pa., and installed the new members of the Board.

1858.—On the 3d day of March the C. of M. returned the Ritualistic work of the Ruth Degree to America, confirmed. Also the proceedings of the Second Triennial Conference of Past Grand Masters.

June 14, Thomas Charnock resigned the position of Grand Director, and Alexander Guy was elected to fill the vacancy.

D. B. Bowser, John C. Bowers and Jas. Needham were appointed to design a Ruth Degree Warrant, which they submitted July 12, and it was approved.

July 26, 1858. Crystal Fount Lodge, No. 1061, was granted the Dispensation to open Manasseh Lodge, No. 1214, Baltimore, Md. On the same date the S. C. of M. handed down a ruling that was observed for 32 years. It was to the effect that a member of the S. C. of M. could not be seated as a delegate in the general meetings. The same ruling had been made by the Grand Master and supported by the second A. C. M., at New York, in 1846.

July 26, the price of a Ruth Warrant was fixed at \$5.00, and notice published to the Order that the S. C. of M. was ready to supply warrants.

Patrick H. Reason, the author of the proposition creating the Ruth Degree, was the first person to be invested with the honors of an inmate. The Sub-Committee conferred the degree upon him as a mark of honor, August 23, 1858.

FIRST RULES AND REGULATIONS OF HOUSEHOLDS OF RUTH ISSUED BY THE S. C. OF M.

CIRCULAR, NO. 1.

First. The "Ruth Degree" shall be conferred on no member of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows who is not a P. N. G. in good stand-

ing with his Lodge, or upon the wives and daughters of such P. N. G.'s, the widows of P. N. G.'s, who were in good standing at the time of their demise, subject to the rules and regulations adopted by the Sub-Committee of Management, and confirmed by the A. M. C. of 1857.

Second. The design of the Degree is to enlist the sympathies and assistance of women in behalf of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows. To unite the wives and daughters of members more intimately with their husbands and fathers in working out the beauties of Odd Fellowship. To encircle in one social band the wives, daughters and widows of Odd Fellows, and entwine around them the mystic cord, that each and all may be mutually benefited and more closely united in the noble work of relieving the needy, the sick and the distressed.

Third. Any member of a Lodge who is a P. N. G. in good standing desiring to receive the "Ruth Degree," or to have the same conferred upon his wife or daughter, or a widow lady, (provided he must first be a member of the Degree before he can apply for his wife or a widow) shall make application to his Lodge in writing, which application must be tried and passed by vote—if favorable, the Lodge shall give him a certificate signed by the N. G. and Secretary, to the officers of the "Ruth Degree," such certificate shall be a sufficient recommendation to entitle the person or persons therein named to receive the Degree, and to enjoy all the privileges pertaining thereto.

Fourth. That all applications for warrants to open Lodges of the "Ruth Degree" shall be signed by five P. N. G.'s, who shall be the first officers of the new Lodge, and shall serve six months; their application shall be accompanied with certificates from their respective Lodges, showing them to be properly qualified persons to entitle them to receive the "Ruth Degree."

[From time to time the above rules have been amended until today (1901) any respectable female is eligible to membership in the Household, provided she is vouched for by five inmates in good standing.]—AUTHOR.

September 13, 1858, the S. C. of M. were informed by the C. of M. that the application of the three Lodges in Bermuda for authority to form a Sub-Committee of Management for the West Indies was denied. Primarily for the reason that the S. C. of M. in America objected to it.

THE FIRST HOUSEHOLD OF RUTH.

Brotherly Love Lodge, No. 896, Harrisburg, Pa., applied for and received the *First Ruth Degree Warrant* September 29, 1858. On the same date warrant No. 2 was granted to Phoenix Lodge, No. 894, at Philadelphia, Pa.

The Charter members, or five P. N. F.'s whose names ap-

pear on the first warrant are, Martin Perry, Jno. Gaitor, Jno. C. Price, Mark Gaitor and David M. Robinson, all of Harrisburg, Pa.

October 11, Carthaginian Lodge, No. 901, was granted Ruth Warrant No. 3, and the Star of Bethlehem Lodge, at Wilmington, Del., was granted No. 4, November 8, 1858.

THE FOURTEENTH A. M. C., 1858.

Met in Odd Fellows' Union Hall, Euclid Street, Cleveland, Ohio, September 1, with only nine lodges represented. Grand Master Bowser delivered an able address. Referring to the H. of R., he said:

"The female or 'Ruth Degree,' prepared by the S. C. of M. of 1857, and confirmed by the A. M. C., has been confirmed by the Committee of Management at Leeds, England. It has been printed under their supervision and forwarded to us. The S. C. of M. are now prepared to grant the warrants for the same. We are desirous to get it working as soon as possible. We purpose to confer the Honorary Degree of Ruth upon all such of the delegates, Past N. G.'s that may desire it. We hope you will think well of the matter and avail yourselves of the opportunity, so that you may go forward and spread the glad tidings among the female portion of our people. Their hearts and sympathies are with us. We want no stronger proof than to look around and see the many beautiful and costly presents they have given us in token of their confidence and esteem. We are sure they will look upon with favor this mark of our approval and gratitude in our behalf, and with renewed assurance of our protection in the future. There is a beautiful feature in our Order to which I would like to call your attention. It is a special recognition of valuable services rendered for the advancement and prosperity of the Order. The case which presents itself at present is that of Brother Patrick H. Reason. It was he that suggested the propriety of the establishment of the degree for females and so ably advocated its introduction, and finally succeeded in having it placed in the hands of the S. C. of M. to arrange and prepare for its permanent settlement as a part of this Order."

After routine business, the A. M. C. elected the following S. C. of M. for 1859:

DAVID B. BOWSER, G. M.	JAMES NEEDHAM, G. S.
WM. ALLEN, D. G. M.	HENRY GORDON, G. T.

GRAND DIRECTORS.

NATHAN G. BACON	ALEXANDER GUY.
JOSEPH JOHNSON.	JAMES McC. CRUMMILL.

CHAPTER XVIII.

THE SIXTEENTH SUB-COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT, 1359.

February 14, 1859. The S. C. of M. amended the Rules and Regulations of Households, so as to admit the sisters of Odd Fellows of the P. N. G. degree. None to be made eligible, however, under the age of 16 years.

May 30, 1859. Ohio Lodge, No. 1188, was granted the Dispensation to open Star of the West Lodge, No. 1215, Buffalo, N. Y.

July 11, 1859. King David Lodge, No. 1189, was granted the Dispensation to open Nehemiah Lodge, No. 1216, Baltimore, Md.

August 8, 1859. Wellington Lodge, No. 1065, was granted the Dispensation to open Prince Albert Lodge, No. 1217, Dresden, Canada, West.

September 12, 1859. The Warrant was granted to Wellington Lodge, No. 1065, to institute Past Grand Masters' Council, No. 9, Chatham, Upper Canada.

THE FIFTEENTH A. M. C., 1859.

Met in the City of Toronto, Province of Upper Canada, Wednesday, October 5. The meeting assembled in Odd Fellows' Hall, corner King and Church Streets, with fourteen Lodges represented.

Hamilton Lodge, 710, presented a proposition looking toward a more perfect system of signs, grips and words. The proposition was adopted, and P. H. Reason, J. H. O'Fake and W. H. Howard were appointed by the A. M. C. to systematize the secret work. Grand Master Bowser and Grand Secretary Needham assisted in the preparation of the same.

The Annual Address of the Grand Master, D. B. Bowser, was especially felicitous, and is worth preserving. The following is a brief extract taken from it:

DELEGATES OF THE GRAND UNITED ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.

Most Worthy and Respected Brothers:

The year of our Lord 1859 brings us to the sixteenth year since the organization, known as the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, first saw the light on this side of the broad Atlantic Ocean. This, then, is the fifteenth annual meeting of delegates, assembled for the purpose of deliberating upon and passing such laws as in their wisdom they may think necessary for the furtherance and successful carrying out of the sublime principles of our institution. The circumstances which surround us at this time and place are of no ordinary character. You, my brethren, will bear me witness when I say, we have for the first time been blessed with the privilege of meeting in this capacity on free soil. Aye, soil long since dedicated to liberty and the universal rights of mankind. Standing as we do for the first time on British ground, with the broad sceptre of old England o'er our heads, resting in peace and security beneath the paw of the British Lion, with naught to molest or make us afraid, our position is indeed a novel one. Our soul is filled with gratitude, our hearts overflowed with joy and gladness; involuntarily we shout, "God save the Queen, long may she reign." God be thanked that we are permitted here to greet you and to strike glad hands with you, and renew our oft repeated vows of Friendship, Love and Truth, and enter with increased faith and hope upon the labors and duties of Love and Charity, within and without enjoined upon us as good Odd Fellows. Let us, therefore, be patient, persevering and self-sacrificing; and above all labor with increased zeal to bring about a union of our scattered and deeply injured race, and we may yet live to see the day when the spirit of liberty shall spread itself all over the Western Hemisphere, and man shall stand erect in the glory and pride of his manhood, redeemed, regenerated and disenthralled; and when that day shall arrive, the influence of Odd Fellowship will be great indeed. Its principles will be proclaimed, its teachings practiced, from the ice-clad mountains of Greenland to the balmy plains of Mexico.

Those who profess to understand the mystic ties of Odd Fellowship will be prepared to acknowledge their brother, no matter what his color, no matter what his country, no matter what his condition.

The A. M. C. elected the following brothers to constitute the S. C. of M. for 1860:

DAVID B. BOWSER, G. M.	JAMES NEEDHAM, G. S.
WM. ALLEN, D. G. M.	HENRY GORDON, G. T

GRAND DIRECTORS.

N. G. BACON.	C. B. MILLER.
JAMES McC. CRUMMILL.	AMOS WEBBER.

December 12, 1859. P. G. M. Chapter, No. 8, was granted the Warrant to institute P. G. M. Chapter, No. 10, St. Georges, Bermuda.

CHAPTER XIX.

THE SEVENTEENTH SUB-COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT, 1860.

April 13, 1860. Mount Olive Lodge, No. 964, was granted the Dispensation to open United Sons of Truth Lodge, No. 1218, Milford, N. J.

July 9, 1860. Prince Albert Lodge, No. 1217, was granted the old Dispensation of Susquehanna Lodge (closed), No. 1120, to open a new Lodge at Chatham, Canada, to be composed of the loyal members of Wellington Lodge, No. 1065, said Lodge having been suspended for disobeying the orders of the S. C. of M.

On September 10, the S. C. of M. empowered the Grand Master and Grand Secretary to confer the Ruth Degree upon any brother delegates properly recommended by their Lodges. This authority was subsequently revoked.

THE SIXTEENTH A. M. C., 1860.

Sixteenth Annual Meeting of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows in America, was held in the City of Boston, Massachusetts, in Bay State Lodge room, corner of Cambridge and Joy Streets, on the Third and Fourth days of October, 1860. Twenty lodges were represented.

This A. M. C. adopted a proposition from Carthaginian Lodge, No. 901, which reads thus:

SEC. 1. That any Lodge of the G. U. O. of O. F. in America shall have power to establish a library: said library shall consist of books of literature instructive to the mind, viz.: Mathematical, Geographical, Scriptural and other works not injurious to the principles of the Order.

SEC. 2. When the Lodge or Lodges have closed for the evening, the members shall have the privilege of selecting and returning their books, according to such rules and regulations as the Lodge may deem necessary.

A very good proposition, but was not very generally observed.

The following were elected to constitute the S. C. of M. for 1861:

WILLIAM ALLEN, D. G. M. JAMES NEEDHAM, G. S.
DAVID B. BOWSER, G. M. HENRY GORDON, G. T.

GRAND DIRECTORS.

ULYSSES B. VIDAL. JAMES McC. CRUMMILL.
 FRANCIS R. MILLER. NATHAN G. BACON.

The whole number of members reported at this meeting was 1740; Past Officers, 606; Brothers, Widows and Orphans relieved, 112; amount paid to sick for the year was \$1,649.30; for Funerals, \$730.95; to Widows and Charity, \$730.42; value of Property and Cash in hand, \$11,265.64.

THE THIRD TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE.

November 7 and 8, 1860.—The P. O. of P. G. M.'s held their Conference in Philadelphia, Pa. The following representatives were present:

P. G. M.	ULYSSES B. VIDAL,	of Council No.	1.
"	JOSEPH H. CARTER,	"	2.
"	JAMES McC. CRUMMILL,	"	2.
"	DAVID H. GUSTUS,	"	5.
"	WILLIAM WILLIAMS,	"	6.



CHAPTER XX.

THE EIGHTEENTH SUB-COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT, 1861.

February 11, 1861. Wellington Lodge, No. 1065, was re-instated after complying with the orders of the S. C. of M., and making ample apology for disobedience.

On the same date Carthaginian Lodge, No. 901, was granted the Dispensation to open Hiram Lodge, No. 1024, Chambersville, Pa. Dispensation No. 1024 had been previously granted to a Lodge in Connecticut, but the Lodge had disbanded, and surrendered their Dispensation; the number was re-granted to another Association, which became a rule of the Board, and was kept up for many years.

On May 13th, P. G. M., W. C. H. Curtis addressed the following preamble and resolutions to the S. C. of M., which were printed in the next Quarterly Circular and sent to the Lodges for approval. The majority of the Lodges approved of the resolutions, and the next A. M. C. was accordingly postponed.

NEW YORK, May 1st, 1861.

TO THE SUB-COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT, G. U. O. OF O. F., IN AMERICA.

Greeting:—Officers and Brothers:—I take the liberty of addressing your Honorable Body, in reference to our beloved Order, and the forthcoming A. M. C., in view of the present state of the country in which we live. I have thought it would be well if some plan could be adopted to postpone said meeting. The United States is now in the midst of that worst of calamities, a "Civil War," (our Order has already begun to suffer from its baneful effects, by enforcements of certain laws in Maryland against secret Societies among our people, our Lodges in that state have been closed.) "Our Lodges generally are feeling the financial pressure of the times," from the general depression of business, and the disturbed state of affairs. Many of our members have been thrown out of employment, and unable to keep themselves financial under the present existing circumstances; we should endeavor to sustain our Brethren as far we have the power. By the closing of the Lodges in Maryland and general financial pressure, the Sub-Committee of Management will lose a great portion of the annual revenue for the present year, therefore it will be well to use all the means we can for economy, under the present state of affairs.

Now Brethren: I think it would be very impolitic for us to hold the A. M. C. meeting this year, considering the state of the country and our own peculiar position at present. I therefore present the following preamble and resolutions for your consideration.

Whereas: The United States is at present afflicted with a political and Civil War which has so depressed business and disturbed the state of affairs in general together with the closing of our Lodges in Maryland; our Order is suffering much in a financial point of view.

Resolved: That in view of the disturbed state of the country, and the financial pressure of the times greatly effecting the condition of our Lodges, the Sub-Committee of Management, deem it impoitic for the A. M. C. to be held the present year.

Resolved: That the S. C. of M., recommend the Lodges at their first meeting in July to declare by ballot the Sub-Committee now in power to hold office for the next ensuing year, after the expiration of their term.

Resolved: That Lodges send in their Annual Report to the S. C. of M., at the regular time, as the Law directs before the 2d day of October next ensuing, with the result of their vote on retaining the present Committee, for the next ensuing year.

Resolved: That the doings of the A. M. C., of October, 1860, hold good until the sitting of the A. M. C., in 1862, at the time and place therein stated.

The foregoing preamble and resolution are respectfully and fraternally recommended to the consideration of the Sub-Committee of Management.

By yours,

W. C. H. CURTIS, W. G. M., of Council No. 1, New York.



CHAPTER XXI.

THE NINETEENTH SUB-COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT, 1862.

January 20, 1862. Joseph Johnson, of Phoenix Lodge, No. 894, was elected a member of the S. C. of M., vice, N. G. Bacon, removed. Elijah J. Davis, of Carthaginian Lodge, No. 901, was also elected a member of the S. C. of M., vice, F. R. Miller, who had gone to War.

January 31, 1862. Philomathean Lodge, No. 646, was granted the Dispensation to open Hope Lodge, No. 1119, Providence, R. I.

April 30, 1862. Star of Bethlehem Lodge, No. 897, was granted the Dispensation to open Union Lodge, No. 1064 (old number), at New Castle, Del.

September 8, 1862. Deputy Grand Master William Allen resigned his office, which was allowed to remain vacant until the meeting of the A. M. C. in the ensuing month.

THE SEVENTEENTH A. M. C., 1862.

The Annual Moveable Committee, G. U. O. of O. F., held in Boston, Massachusetts, October, 1860, decided that the A. M. C. for 1861 should be held in the Borough of Chester, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, but in consequence of the disturbed state of the Country, it was deemed advisable to postpone the meeting until the first Wednesday in October, 1862. In accordance with the postponement, delegates from Lodges assembled in the Lodge room of Radiant Star Lodge, No. 1063, in the Borough of Chester, Delaware County, Pa., the first day of October, 1862.

There were nineteen Lodges represented. Grand Master D. B. Bowser delivered the following able address:

DELEGATES OF THE GRAND UNITED ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.

Most Worthy and Respected Brothers:—Through the blessing of Divine Providence, we are once again permitted to assemble in this form and manner, and in accordance with the ancient usages of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows.

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During the eventful year that has passed, the Nation's troubles have pervaded every community and have reached every home. The demon slavery has throttled the Republic and threatened its destruction, and upon the issue, not only depends the FATE OF TWENTY MILLIONS OF PEOPLE, but that of NATIONS YET UNBORN! Grim visaged war, with all its manifold horrors stalks throughout the land! Strong men buckle on their armor. The youth grasp their swords and prepare for the combat.

The heart of the aged mother sinks with despair, while the young wife clasps her babe closely to her bosom. The booming of cannon is heard o'er the distant hills; the crash of flying artillery; the rattle of musketry; the roll of the drum; the ear-piercing fife; the shrill of the war-like trumpet. The rushing to and fro of thousands of armed men, until the ground trembles beneath their feet! Beautiful fields and thrifty plantations have been laid waste, and look as though a burning simoon had passed over them, withering and scorching up the last vestige of vegetation. The blasphemous voice of the brutal slave driver. The cracking of the whip; the clanking of chains are heard no longer. The cries of the suffering and the dumb have reached the Throne of the Most High! and lo! He comes the King of Glory! He comes in mighty power and taketh vengeance on this guilty nation! And He will wash out its iniquities in a sea of blood! Through man's transgression of sovereign law, the curse of the law has fallen upon him; and as it is with individuals, so it is with nations. What a fearful retribution! And while all this is being done, we as a people have been most signally blest. A kind and beneficent Providence has kept us thus far free from unusual outrage, and has bestowed upon us a measure of prosperity, not looked for in these perilous times. Let me say to you, my Brothers, we have not been compelled to go forth to do battle! Yet we may fight and win glorious victories, without shedding human blood, victories of peace and GOOD WILL. And the warrior that there shall be distinguished will gain a crown immortal! which shall shine in dimless glory throughout the countless ages of eternity!

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In conclusion, let me say, may the lessons we give and receive in our lodge sink deep in our hearts! And may we ever bear in mind that great principle in Odd Fellowship, "He that would be great among you, he must serve the Brethren." Cherish and perpetuate this organization; around it crowd a multitude of blessings, in which every member has a common share, and if it should fail or be destroyed, all our most glorious recollections of the past will be like a painful dream! And our grandest hopes for the future will be forever blighted.

There was only one proposition voted on by this meeting, all others being ruled out of order by the Chairman, because



L. N. PORTER,
Grand Director, G. U. O. O. F. in America.

they had not been sent to the S. C. of M. for publication in the time required by law. Appeal was taken, but the Chair was sustained.

D. B. Bowser declined to stand for re-election, but the A. M. C. elected him anyhow, and chose the following colleagues for the Sub-Committee for 1863:

P. G. M. DAVID B. BOWSER, G. M.

P. G. M. JAMES McC. CRUMMILL, D. G. M.

P. G. M. JAMES NEEDHAM, G. S.

P. G. M. HENRY GORDON, G. T.

DIRECTORS.

P. G. M. E. J. DAVIS.

P. G. M. U. B. VIDAL.

P. G. M. P. T. SMITH.

P. G. M. CHARLES SIMPSON.

December 22, 1862. Wellington Lodge, No. 1065, was granted the Dispensation to open Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1121 (old number), at Windsor, Canada, West.



CHAPTER XXII.

THE TWENTIETH SUB-COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT, 1863.

March 9, 1863, United Sons of Truth Lodge, No. 1218, was granted the Dispensation to open Star of Liberty Lodge, No. 1062, (old No.), Snow Hill, N. J.

June 8, 1863, Victoria Lodge, No. 1117, was granted a warrant to open a Household of Ruth No. 5, at Toronto, Canada.

THE EIGHTEENTH A. M. C., 1863.

The Eighteenth Annual Meeting of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows in America, was held in Washington City, District of Columbia, on the seventh and eighth days of October, 1863. Twenty lodges were represented.

Routine business was dispatched and the following Board elected for 1864:

P. G. M. JAMES McC. CRUMMILL, G. M.
P. G. M. CHARLES B. COLLEY, D. G. M.
P. G. M. JAMES NEEDHAM, G. S.
P. G. M. THOMAS CHARNOCK, G. T.

DIRECTORS.

P. G. M. CYRUS B. MILLER.
P. G. M. ANDREW N. BROWN.
P. G. M. DAVIS D. TURNER.
P. G. M. WM. E. GIPSON.

Before the adjournment of this meeting, a committee on resolutions was appointed to prepare resolutions befitting the time and place.

The Committee prepared and reported the following preamble and resolutions, which were unanimously adopted.

WHEREAS, We the Annual Moveable Committee, of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, in America, have through the Providence of God, and the kindness of the constituted authorities of the Metropolis of these United States, been permitted quietly to assemble and hold our Annual Session in this city, a privilege we all highly appreciate.

WE THEREFORE, Deem it right, that we should tender to them the assurance of our loyalty to the Government under which we live and enjoy such distinguished privileges.

Therefore be it *Resolved*: That we as Americans, deem it our highest honor, and indispensable duty to be true to the interest of the government of these United States, and are willing, and at all times, and by all the means in our power, to uphold, sustain and defend it against all its enemies external and internal.

Resolved: That we tender to the Military Governor, Provost Marshal General Martindale, and those acting under his authority, our sincere gratitude and heartfelt thanks for the kind and generous protection afforded us on this day of our public celebration.

Resolved: That we tender to his Honor the Mayor of Washington, the Superintendent of Police, and the force acting under their direction, our hearty thanks for the kind protection afforded by them on the occasion of our convention and celebration.

Resolved: That we tender to the citizens of Washington, generally, our grateful thanks for the many manifestations of kindness shown us during our sojourn in their city.

Resolved: That the above resolutions be published in two of the newspapers of this city, and the "Anglo-African."

S. W. CHASE, Jr., Chairman.
JAMES NEEDHAM, Secretary.

CELEBRATION OF THE COLORED ODD FELLOWS.

The A. M. C. closed its session and participated in the celebration. Copied from the *Washington Star* Friday, Oct. 9th.

The "Grand Moveable Committee of the Grand United Order" of Colored Odd Fellows, held their session in this city Wednesday evening, when about twenty delegates representing Lodges in New York, Pennsylvania, Baltimore, Alexandria, Washington, Boston and Canada, were present. This committee has jurisdiction over the lodges of the United States, Canada and the Island of Bermuda, and at this annual session a large increase of membership was reported. There are now about fifty Lodges under this jurisdiction, with ten Chapters P. G. M.'s and the membership numbers now about sixteen hundred. During the year about \$5,000 has been paid out for the relief of the sick, and burial of the dead; \$4,000 invested; property to the amount of \$8,000 is held, and the balance in other Lodges is about \$8,000. Whole amount in money, property, &c., \$18,000. The sessions of the Committee were closed last night. The following officers were elected for the present year; Grand Master, James McC. Crummill, Deputy Grand Master, Charles B. Colly, Grand Secretary, James Needham, Grand Treasurer, Thomas Charnock, Directors, Cyrus B. Miller, D. D. Turner, A. N. Brown, W. E. Gipson. All these hail from Philadelphia.

This Committee held its sessions in what is known as Patterson's Hall, situated on Fifteenth street, between L and M, which is also occupied by the "John F. Cook" and "Union Friendship" Lodges of this

city. The hall is quite a neat affair. The room is in the second story of the building, and is about 40 feet long by 20 wide, around which are seats for the members. The chairs for the officers (who are similar to officers in white lodges, excepting in name,) are on raised platforms, and the various emblems are painted in fresco on the walls. On the right and left of the "Noble Father's" chair is the Ark, with the motto, "Visit the Sick," and the skull and cross-bones, with motto, "Bury the Dead." In other parts of the room is the Bee-Hive, the All-Seeing Eye, Balance, Hour-Glass, the Arrows, and Rising Sun.

The hour set for the assembling of the lodges was at nine o'clock in the morning, but it was near eleven o'clock before the procession was formed. A large crowd of persons, white and black, gathered about the hall to witness the unusual sight of a procession of colored Odd Fellows in this latitude, and waited patiently for the Order to move. During the morning, Mrs. Wm. Hubbard and Edward Grant entered the hall, and in the presence of a large number of the members, presented to Union Friendship Lodge a handsome wreath, which was received in a short address by P. G. M. Benj. McCoy.

All things being ready, the line was formed in the street, extending a distance of one square. The procession moved off in the following order:

Past Noble Father J. F. Wilkinson, Chief Marshall, followed by a large and handsome flag. A band of colored musicians led by Collins, of Georgetown, came next, and on the route made excellent music. The banner of Good Samaritan Lodge, Baltimore, having on its front a painting representing David mourning over Absalom, came next, and John F. Cook Lodge, No. 1185, bearing several flags, and marshalled by M. Brown and William Chase, numbering about 30 members followed. Then came Eastern Star Lodge, No. 1028, of Capitol Hill, B. J. Grant and W. Nicho's, marshals, with about the same number. Union Friendship Lodge, No. 891, with about 50 members, P. G. M., T. H. Cross and Wm. Beckett marshals, they appeared bearing a handsome wreath and an American flag. Harmony Lodge, No. 818, appeared with small numbers; after which, the Baltimore delegation, numbering about 70, of Eden, Olive, Crystal Fount, Mount Lebanon Zerubabel, King David, Nehemiah and Good Samaritan, under the marshalship of C. L. Lee, chief, G. A. Heckert, J. F. Brown, Jas. A. Davis and Wm. Cook, assistants, having two banners, one of Eden Lodge, having a representation of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, with the motto, "Woman's Friendship, Woman's Gift," and one Lebanon Lodge, representing two Odd Fellows, one black and the other white, in the act of handing a purse to a widow and child. This delegation was accompanied by the fine colored band attached to the 7th U. S. colored volunteers, stationed at Camp Belger, Baltimore, who performed really admirably on the route.

The Grand Chapter, numbering about 40 persons, followed by the grand officers and directors, brought up the rear, and bore with them the large banner of the Philadelphia Chapter, bearing upon its front the coat of arms of the order.

Along the route the streets were crowded and in some places they were enthusiastically received. In passing the office of the Military Governor, the procession halted, and the band played the Star Spangled Banner; after which the Order gave three cheers for the flag, and three

more for the Provost Marshall General, meaning, we suppose, the Military Governor, General Martindale, or Provost Marshall Todd. The procession entered the grounds of the Presidential Mansion about 12½ o'clock—the band performing the air "Red, White and Blue." On arriving in front of the President's house, the procession was halted and fronted, and the Star Spangled Banner renewed by the band; after which three cheers were given for the President of the United States and three for the members of the Cabinet.

The President being engaged in Cabinet Council, did not make his appearance, and the procession took up its line of march, followed by a large and enthusiastic crowd of colored spectators.

A guard of the 2d District Regiment accompanied them on their route, to quell any outbreak, and performed their duty faithfully.

The route of the procession was as follows: Down Fifteenth to I, up I to Pennsylvania Avenue, up Pennsylvania Avenue to and around the Circle, down Pennsylvania Avenue to Fifteenth Street, via Presidential Mansion, down Fifteenth Street, to F and F to Sixth, down Sixth to Louisiana Avenue, up Louisiana Avenue and down Indiana Avenue to Third Street, down Third Street to Pennsylvania, thence along Pennsylvania Avenue up Capitol Hill, north side to Israel Church.

At the church the following exercises took place, under the direction of P. G. M., B. M. McCoy, Master of Ceremonies; Prayer by Rev. James A. Handy, of this city; music by the choir; introductory address by Rev. P. N. F., J. A. Handy; music by the choir; address by P. G. M. John C. Bowser, of Philadelphia; music by choir; address by P. G. M. D. D. Turner, of Philadelphia; music by the choir; address by Rev. P. G. M., David Bowser, of Philadelphia; closing song by the Order. Benediction.

A grand collation was given, which for splendor and magnificence, never was witnessed before on any occasion, in the Assembly Rooms, on Twelfth street, on that evening.



CHAPTER XXIII.

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUB-COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT, 1864.

April 11, 1864. Unity Lodge, No. 711 was granted Household Warrant No. 6.

May 9, 1864. Unity Lodge, No. 711, was granted the dispensation to open Fraternal Lodge, No. 893, (old No.) Philadelphia, Pa.

June 23, 1864. Victoria Lodge, No. 1117, was granted the dispensation to open Peter Ogden Lodge, No. 812, (old No.) Toronto, Canada.

August 22, 1864. Olive Lodge, No. 967, was granted the dispensation to open Free Virginia Lodge, No. 963, (old No.) Portsmouth, Va.

THE NINETEENTH A. M. C., 1864.

Met in Norristown, Pa., October 5. Twenty-eight Lodges were represented.

The Grand Master made some important recommendations, which were well received, but could not become laws except by propositions.

The meeting resolved to present Ex-G. M. Bowser with a gold medal for long, faithful services as Grand Master.

After the consideration of propositions, the election of the Sub-Committee for 1865 was held, and resulted as follows, viz:

J. McC. CRUMMILL, G. M.

REDMON FAUSET, D. G. M.

JAMES NEEDHAM, G. S.

JOSEPH C. BUSTILL, G. T.

GRAND DIRECTORS.

E. J. DAVIS.

A. N. BROWN.

J. G. GREEN.

D. J. STEWARD.

October 10, 1864. P. G. M. Council, No. 8, was granted a Warrant to institute P. G. M. Council, No. 11, Somerset, Bermuda.

CHAPTER XXIV.

THE TWENTY-SECOND SUB-COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT, 1865.

January 9, 1865. The S. C. of M. issued a special circular calling the meeting of the Triennial Conference at Baltimore, Md., in May next, instead of Wilmington, Del. The change was made on account of the "Black Laws" of the latter State.

On the same date Union Friendship Lodge, No. 891, was granted the dispensation to open Potomac Union Lodge, No. 892, (old No.), Washington, D. C.

Also, Unity Lodge, No. 711, was granted the dispensation to open Aurora Lodge, No. 810, (old No.), Nassua, New Providence, Bahama Island.

At this meeting the S. C. of M. fixed the price of Lodge outfits at \$12.50.

February 13, 1865. P. G. M. Jos. C. Bustill was commissioned to proceed to the West Indies and set apart Lodge No. 810.

April 10, 1865. Household Warrant No. 6 was granted to Harmony Lodge, No. 818, Alexandria, Va. This number was subsequently re-granted to a Household at Baltimore, Md.

July 24, 1865. A. N. Brown resigned from the S. C. of M. and P. G.-M. John Moore, of Unity Lodge, No. 711, was elected to fill the vacancy.

At this meeting Deputy Grand Master Redmon Faucett offered the following important resolution, which was adopted by the S. C. of M. and approved by the C. of M.:

Resolved: That the Sub-Committee of Management in America do respectfully represent to the Committee of Management, England, that we are grateful for the care which has been exercised by them, yet we do respectfully submit that there is a feature in the characters forming the group on the P. G. M. Certificates which is objectionable, and we do therefore submit to your honorable body that said objection be removed and that that figure representing the colored man be placed on an equal footing with the others."

September 11, 1865. Zerubbabel Lodge, No. 1187, was granted the dispensation to open Shealtiel Lodge, No. 1024, (old No.), St. Michaels, Md.

THE TWENTIETH A. M. C., 1865.

October 4, 1865. The A. M. C. met in Ogden Hall, corner Saratoga and Calvert Streets, Baltimore, Md. Thirty-two Lodges were represented. The Grand Master's address was especially felicitous, and the parade elicited the highest newspaper praise. The following were selected to constitute the S. C. of M. for 1866:

WM. E. GIPSON, G. M.
JOSHUA D. KELLEY, D. G. M.
JAMES NEEDHAM, G. S.
JOSEPH JOHNSON, G. T.

DIRECTORS.

ULYSSES B. VIDAL. ROBT. JONES.
JOSEPH LYONS. DANIEL J. STEWARD.

October 31, 1865. Dispensations were granted to Olive Lodge, No. 967, to open Evening Star Lodge, No. 713, (old No.) Frederick, Md., and to Eden Lodge, No. 902, to open W. W. Davis Lodge, No. 714, (old No.) Baltimore, Md.

November 23, 1865. Philomathean Lodge, No. 646, was granted the dispensation for Fraternal Lodge, No. 1064, (old No.) Charleston, S. C. At this meeting Zerubbabel Lodge, No. 1187, was granted the dispensation for Frederick Douglass Lodge, No. 715, (old No.) Baltimore, Md.

December 15, 1865. Olive Lodge, No. 967, was granted the dispensation for Lincoln Lodge, No. 1302, Baltimore, Md.

Free Virginia Lodge, No. 963, was granted the dispensation for Brotherly Love Lodge, No. 1303, Norfolk, Va.

Union Lodge was re-opened under another number (No. 1184) as the old number of this Lodge—No. 1064, New Castle, Del.,—had been granted to the Lodge at Charleston, S. C., during the inactive period of Union Lodge.

CHAPTER XXV.

THE TWENTY-THIRD SUB-COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT, 1866.

March 12, 1866. Free Virginia Lodge, No. 963, was granted the dispensation for Evening Star Lodge, No. 1304, Portsmouth, Va.

June 11, 1866. Unity Lodge, No. 711, was granted the dispensation for Monongahela Lodge, No. 1305, Brownsville, Pa.

Jochabed Lodge, No. 811, (old No.) was re-opened under its present No.—1306—at Reading, Pa.

July 9, 1865. Zerubbabel Lodge, No. 1187, was granted the dispensation for Eureka Lodge, No. 1307, Wheeling, W. Va.

August 13, 1865. Household Warrant No. 7 was granted to Mannasseh Lodge, No. 1214, Baltimore, Md.

Shealtiel Lodge, No. 1024, was granted permission to change its name to Freedom's Friend.

September 10, 1866. John F. Cook Lodge, No. 1185, was granted the dispensation for Mount Olive Lodge, No. 1333, Washington, D. C.

THE TWENTY-FIRST A. M. C., 1866.

Met in Harmony Lodge room, Alexandria, Va., October 3, with a representation of thirty-one delegates. The new Ritual prepared by Brother J. C. Bustill, and approved by the S. C. of M., was referred to this meeting for approval. The matter was fully discussed, but left unsettled.

Grand Secretary Needham contended that the A. M. C. had no constitutional authority to adopt a new Ritual without the sanction of the Committee of Management, England.

No decisive action seems to have been taken in this matter.

At the conclusion of the session the Board for 1867 was chosen, viz:

P. G. M., J. McC. CRUMMILL, G. M.
P. G. M., REDMON FAUSET, D. G. M.
P. G. M., JAMES NEEDHAM, G. S.
P. G. M., HENRY GORDON, G. T.

DIRECTORS.

P. G. M., ROBERT JONES.

P. G. M., JOSEPH LYONS.

P. G. M., JOSEPH JOHNSON.

P. G. M., DANIEL G. RYDER.

December 10, 1866. Free Virginia Lodge, No. 963, was granted the dispensation for United Sons of the Morning Lodge, No. 1334, Petersburg, Va.

December 18, 1866. Evening Star Lodge, No. 713, was granted the dispensation for Mount Zion Lodge, No. 1335, Frederick City, Md.



CHAPTER XXVI.

THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUB-COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT, 1867.

January 14, 1867. Unity Lodge, No. 711, was granted the dispensation for Butler Lodge, No. 1336, New Orleans, La.

March 11, 1867. Hamilton Lodge, No. 710, was granted the dispensation for Howard Union Lodge, No. 1337, New York, N. Y.

April 15, 1867. Evening Star Lodge, No. 713, was granted the dispensation for Needham Lodge, No. 1338, Burlin, Md.

May 12, 1867. P. G. M. James McC. Crummill died. He was serving as Grand Master of the Order and was considered to be one of the most useful and intelligent men in the fraternity. The S. C. of M. resolved that the Order had sustained a great loss in the death of this efficient and zealous worker in the cause of humanity. He belonged to the Vigilant Committee of Philadelphia and had often given shelter and protection to fugitives from slavery. He was an earnest worker in the cause of temperance, and in every effort that was for the good and elevation of his race. The S. C. of M. in carriages, visiting delegations from Washington, Baltimore and New York, and a great throng of members and friends attended his funeral and paid the last tribute of respect to our late Grand Master

JAMES McC. CRUMMILL.

May 13, 1867. Eden Lodge, No. 902, was granted the dispensation for Wayman Lodge, No. 1339, Columbia, S. C.

Free Virginia Lodge, No. 963, was granted the dispensation for Lone Star Lodge, No. 1340, Richmond, Va.

D. G. M. Redmon Fauset now became Grand Master, and Joseph Johnson was promoted to the position of Deputy Grand Master.

June 10, 1867. Ohio Lodge, No. 1188, was granted the dispensation for Union Lodge, No. 1341, Louisville, Ky.

September 9, 1867. Olive Lodge, No. 967, was granted the dispensation for St. Thomas Lodge, No. 1342, Westminster, Md.

Eastern Star Lodge, No. 1028, was granted the dispensation for John F. N. Wilkinson Lodge, No. 1343, Washington, D. C.

THE TWENTY-SECOND A. M. C., 1867.

The Twenty-second Annual Meeting of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows in America, was held in the City of Norfolk, State of Virginia, (at the Odd Fellows' Hall, No. 32 Bute Lodges were represented.

Carthaginian Lodge, No. 901, offered the following proposition:

Sec. 1. That the A. M. C. of 1867, authorize the establishment of an "Encampment" in the G. U. O. of O. F. in America, to be under the supervision of the S. C. of M.

Sec. 2. That the "Encampment Degrees" shall be intermediate degrees between the P. N. G's. and the P. G. M's. degree, and none but P. N. N's. by services in the N. G's. chair according to rule shall be initiated to membership to an encampment.

Sec. 3. That a committee of seven P. G. M's. be appointed to prepare a ritual and suitable degrees for an "Encampment."

Sec. 4. That the S. C. of M. for 1868, be empowered to appoint the committee of seven P. G. M's. to prepare the ritual, &c., and that said committee shall submit the ritual when prepared to the S. C. of M. for their approval, and if approved, the same shall be the work of the Encampments in America.

After some discussion and explanation, the Chairman ruled the proposition out of order; that the A. M. C. had not the right to empower the S. C. of M. to make side degrees, which were an innovation, and not in accordance with the G. U. O. of O. F.

This proposition is inserted here to show what the views of the Order were with respect to the authority of the S. C. of M., 25 years ago.

Eden Lodge, 902, offered a proposition to remove the headquarters from Philadelphia to Baltimore, which was rejected almost unanimously.

The Sub-Committee for 1868 were chosen as follows, viz:

P. G. M. JOSEPH JOHNSON, G. M.
P. G. M. DANIEL G. RYDER, D. G. M.
P. G. M. HENRY GORDON, G. T.
P. G. M. JAMES NEEDHAM, G. S.

DIRECTORS.

P. G. M. JESSE E. GLASSGOW.
P. G. M. J. E. VAN BRAKLE.
P. G. M. JOHN C. BOWERS.
P. G. M. D. J. STEWARD.

The Annual Report of the Order for 1867, is given here for comparison.

Whole number of Members.....	3358
“ “ Financial Members	2681
“ “ Non-Financial Members	677
“ “ Past Officers	960
“ “ Brothers relieved	242
“ “ Brothers buried	24
“ “ Widows relieved	36
“ “ Orphans relieved	17

Whole amount paid for Sick	\$3,921 43
“ “ “ for Funerals	1,769 70
“ “ “ to Widows	639 55
“ “ “ for Charity	746 85
“ “ “ Out	7,760 26
“ “ Invested	4,573 88
Whole value of property.....	12,627 01
Balance in funds	10,334 11
Invested, value of property and in funds.....	27,534 98

October 14, 1867, Good Hope Lodge, No. 1122, was granted the dispensation for Salem Lodge, No. 1361, Darby, Pa.

November 11, 1867, Ohio Lodge, No. 1188 was granted the dispensation for Hutchison Lodge, No. 1362, Chicago, Ill.

December 9, 1867. Philomathean Lodge, No. 712, was granted the dispensation for Hudson City Lodge, No. 1363, Hudson, N. Y.



CHAPTER XXVII.

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUB-COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT, 1868.

January 13, 1868. D. G. Ryder and D. J. Steward were removed from office on account of non-attendance, and Robt. Jones and Levi Cromwell were elected to fill the respective positions made vacant upon the S. C. of M.

February 5, 1868. Union Lodge, No. 1341, was granted the dispensation for St. John's Lodge, No. 1364, Louisville, Ky.

Eastern Star Lodge, No. 1028, was granted the dispensation for Rising Sun Lodge, No. 1365, Washington, D. C.

February 10, 1868. Warrant No. 12 for a P. G. M. Council at Cleveland, Ohio, was granted.

Ohio Lodge, No. 1188, was granted a Warrant to open a Household of Ruth, No. 8, in Cleveland, O.

February 26, 1868. Manasses Lodge, No. 1214, was granted the dispensation for Mount Nebo Lodge, No. 1366, Baltimore, Md.

United Sons of the Morning Lodge, No. 1334, was granted the Dispensation for Noah Lodge, No. 1367, Petersburg, Va.

March 12, 1868. John F. Cook Lodge, No. 1185, was granted the dispensation for Bloom of Youth Lodge, No. 1368, Washington, D. C.

April 17, 1868. Eastern Star Lodge, No. 1028, was granted the dispensation for Star of the West Lodge, No. 1369, Washington, D. C.

June 8, 1868. Harmony Lodge, No. 818, was granted the dispensation for R. H. Lancaster Lodge, No. 1370, Alexandria, Va.

July 13, 1868. Union Lodge, No. 1341, was granted the dispensation for St. Luke Lodge, No. 1371, Louisville, Ky.

August 17, 1868. Philomathean Lodge, No. 646, was granted the dispensation for North Star Lodge, No. 1372, Worcester, Mass.

 THE TWENTY-THIRD A. M. C., 1868.

The Twenty-third Annual Meeting of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, in America, was held in the City of Harrisburg, State of Pennsylvania, in Garnet League Building, South Street, on October 7 and 8, 1868. Forty-five Lodges were represented. Grand Master Joseph Johnson, during the course of his address said:

Worthy and Respected Brethren:

I feel more than an ordinary degree of pleasure in having the opportunity, for the first time, of opening the proceedings of the Annual Movable Committee; for I have the gratification of congratulating you—and, through you, the Order in general—upon the prosperity which continues to attend the Grand United Order.

I feel great pleasure in having to announce to you that friendly feeling that now exists with the brethren at the other side of the Atlantic. We are at peace with each other, and the Sub-Committee has been able to maintain a good understanding with them.

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The propositions are now before you. They are not so numerous as on former occasions, but of more vital importance to the interest of the Order; and calling attention to them we shall abstain from offering any remarks, either for or against, so that no prejudice may be created against the views of any lodge whatsoever.

The Philomathean Lodge proposes to establish District Lodges in America similar to those in England.

Equity Lodge proposes that the General Meeting be held biennially, in accordance with the general regulations of the Order in England. Also, that districts may be organized in America.

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Brethren, I would earnestly recommend the Order to take into serious consideration an advance of salary to its Secretary, being persuaded that the remuneration afforded to him, according to the time occupied by him in the Order's business—the man upon whom devolves the superintendence and guardianship of an Order composed of 89 lodges, containing an aggregate of 4,000 members, and also the examination of correspondence upon all the diversified subjects connected with the order—needs only to be explained that it may receive consideration and your approval.

The following were elected to constitute the S. C. of M. for 1869:

P. G. M. JOSEPH W. JOHNSON, G. M.
 P. G. M. ROBERT JONES, D. G. M.
 P. G. M. JAMES NEEDHAM, G. S.
 P. G. M. HENRY GORDON, G. T.

DIRECTORS.

P. G. M. J. EMERY BURR.

P. G. M. A. J. MERCER.

P. G. M. CALEB BRYANT.

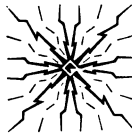
P. G. M. THOS. CHARNOCK.

November 9, 1868. Zerubbabel Lodge, No. 1187, was granted the dispensation for Evening Star Lodge, No. 1373, Baltimore, Md.

Union Friendship Lodge, No. 891, was granted the dispensation for Peter Ogden Lodge, No. 1374, Washington, D. C.

King David Lodge, No. 1189, was granted the dispensation for Union Bethel Lodge, No. 1375, Cambridge, Md.

December 14, 1868. Potomac Union Lodge, No. 892, was granted the dispensation for Columbia Lodge, No. 1376, Georgetown, D. C.





R. W. WILLIAMS,
Grand Master in England, 1901-02.

CHAPTER XXVIII.

THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUB-COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT, 1869.

January 6, 1869. Brotherly Love Lodge, No. 896, was granted the dispensation for Olive Branch Lodge, No. 1377, Columbia, Pa.

Philomathean Lodge, No. 712, was granted the dispensation for Abraham Lincoln Lodge, No. 1378, Schenectady, N. Y.

January 11, 1869. Lone Star Lodge, No. 1340, was granted the dispensation for Fidelity Lodge, No. 1379, Richmond, Va.

February 8, 1869. Potomac Union Lodge, No. 892, was granted the dispensation for Western Star Lodge, No. 1380, Washington, D. C.

Hamilton Lodge, No. 710, was granted the dispensation for Alpha Lodge, No. 1381, Brooklyn, N. Y.

March 8, 1869, United Sons of the Morning Lodge, No. 1334, was granted the dispensation for Saint Joseph Lodge, No. 1382, Petersburg, Va.

Household Warrant No. 9 was granted to Hamilton Lodge, No. 710, New York, N. Y.

April 12, 1869, Household Warrant No. 10 was granted to Star of the West Lodge, No. 1215, Buffalo, N. Y.

May 10, 1869, Free Virginia Lodge, No. 963, was granted the dispensation for Republican Star Lodge, No. 1383, Elizabeth City, N. C.

June 14, 1869, four dispensations were granted at this meeting as follows:

To North Star, 1372, for Sumner Lodge, No. 1384, Boston, Massachusetts.

To Mount Nebo, 1366, for Humane Lodge, No. 1411, Baltimore, Md.

To Brotherly Love, 1303, for King David Lodge, No. 1412, Norfolk, Va.

To Fraternal, 893, for Enterprising Sons Lodge, No. 1413, Camden, N. J.

To the United Sons of the Morning, 1334, for Dawning Star Lodge, No. 1414, Lynchburg, Va.

(Note.—No. 1413 was granted June 17th and No. 1414 on June 22d.)

July 12, 1869, Crystal Fount Lodge, No. 1061, was granted the dispensation for John A. Bridge Lodge, No. 1415, Baltimore, Md.

Dr. Jonathan Davis was elected to fill the vacancy on the Board caused by the removal of Thos. Charnock.

July 28, 1869, Needham Lodge, No. 1338, was granted the dispensation for D. R. Hall Lodge, No. 1416, Sharpsburg, Md.

August 9, 1869, Jochabed Lodge, No. 1306, was granted the dispensation for Bashan Lodge, No. 1430, Williamsport, Pa.

Harmony Lodge, No. 818, was granted the dispensation for G. W. Parker Lodge, No. 1431, Alexandria, Va.

Lone Star Lodge, No. 1340, was granted Warrant No. 14 for a P. G. M. Council at Richmond, Va.

September 13, 1869, Star of the West Lodge, No. 1215, was granted the dispensation for Kir-Jath-Arba Lodge, No. 1432, Elmira, N. Y.

Brotherly Love Lodge, No. 1303, was granted the dispensation for Star of the West Lodge, No. 1433, Hampton, Va.

Evening Star Lodge, No. 1304, was granted the dispensation for Jonathan Lodge, No. 1434, Hampton, Va.

Harmony Lodge, No. 818, was granted the dispensation for Stevens Lodge, No. 1435, Arlington, Va.

The Warrant was granted to open P. G. M. Council, No. 13, at Alexandria, Va. Also P. G. M. Council Warrant No. 15, at Petersburg, Va.

September 29 and 30, 1869, the P. O. of P. G. M.'s held its Fifth Triennial Conference at Baltimore, Md. The Councils were represented by the following Grand Representatives:

P. G. M., J. W. E. GRAY, of Council No. 1.

P. G. M., JAMES NEEDHAM, of Council No. 2.

P. G. M., D. B. BOWSER, of Council No. 2.

P. G. M., G. D. MARTIN, of Council No. 6.

P. G. M., W. E. WILKS, of Council No. 6.

 THE TWENTY-FOURTH A. M. C., 1869.

The twenty-fourth Annual Meeting of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, in America, was held in the City of Petersburg, State of Virginia, in Odd Fellows' Hall, Lombard Street, on October 6 and 7, 1869. Delegates from forty-one Lodges were present.

Strange as it may seem at this time, the A. M. C. did actually adopt the following proposition by a vote of thirty-one to nine:

Proposition of Eastern Star Lodge, No. 1028:

Sec. 1. That the P. G. M. Council, when and wherever organized, shall be styled and known as the Grand Lodge of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, in America, and shall be invested with the following powers, to wit: *First*, to hear and determine upon all questions arising between lodges, and complaints against lodges within its jurisdiction. *Second*, to sit as a high court, to hear, revise, and determine finally upon all individual cases brought before them on appeal from the decision of subordinate lodges. *Third*, to see that each subordinate lodge in its jurisdiction shall faithfully enforce the laws, customs and ceremonies of the Order that have or may hereafter be enacted.

Sec. 2. That the jurisdiction of the P. G. M. Council shall be co-extensive with the territory of the civil government within which it is located.

Sec. 3. The dispensated lodges located in cities, towns, districts and states where there are no P. G. M. Councils, shall be under the jurisdiction of the nearest Council.

Sec. 4. That on visiting subordinate lodges, each Past Grand Master shall be required to send in his name to the N. G. presiding, who shall (when the P. G. M. enters) call up the lodge, and give him the usual honors, and may, in courtesy to him, yield him the chair.

The adoption of the foregoing proposition called forth such a storm of protests from Lodges all over the country that the S. C. of M. never attempted to enforce it.

After all proposition had been considered, the Sub-Committee was elected for 1870, viz:

P. G. M. JOHN C. BOWERS, G. M.
 P. G. M. DAVID B. BOWSER, D. G. M.
 P. G. M. JAMES NEEDHAM, G. S.
 P. G. M. HENRY GORDON, G. T.

DIRECTORS.

P. G. M. LEVI CRUMWELL.
 P. G. M. CALEB BRYANT.
 P. G. M. JESSE E. GLASSGOW.
 P. G. M. ANDREW J. MERCER.

The proposition relative to constituting P. G. M. Councils a sort of high judicial tribunal never received very great favor from the S. C. of M., and when it was sent to England for confirmation, the C. of M. vetoed it in the following words:

COMMITTEE ROOMS, MANCHESTER, ENGLAND.

To the Sub-Committee of Management, America:

Gentlemen and Brethren:

The correspondence sent by you for the opinion and decision of the Committee of Management, England, was duly received and laid before them at their last meeting, held November 4, 1869, and after due deliberation thereon, the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That in reply to the correspondence received from the Sub-Committee of Management, America, this Committee respectfully say that in their opinion, and they do so decide: that a Grand Master's Council is the embodiment of honorable distinction, but not possessed of executive or judiciary power in relation to the general lodges of the Grand United Order."

I was further instructed to write you on the subject in relation to Grand Masters who may visit any lodge, showing in what manner they are received and their position in the lodge which they may visit; and for what the P. G. M. Councils are chiefly established for. The Councils are established as a degree of merit, whereby our most active and intelligent members meet for the purpose of discussing questions of importance, for the benefit of the Order in general, also for mutual improvement in Odd Fellowship, but never in the least manner judicaturely or executive in reference to any matter in difference that may arise in a district or lodges' branches. They are in some instances, in England, formed with a benefit for sickness and death, but all are not so established. As regards a Grand Master who may make a visit to any lodge, they are always on their visit addressed by the title of Past Grand Master, but there is never any grand rising of members in a lodge on the entrance of any Grand Master. No Grand Master is ever allowed to interfere with any business that may be transacted in any lodge (but the one to which a Grand Master may be a member of). The opinion of a Council or of a Grand Master may be asked, but that is all, neither is it expected or ever done for a Noble Grand, to give up his chair to a visiting P. G. M. A Past Grand Master, in his own or mother lodge, has only a voice and vote the same as any other member. As regards the Rituals now in use, they having been adopted by the General Assembly of Delegates, are the legal ceremonies for the use of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, none other are legal or can be legally adopted, until the present ones are suspended by the vote of a general delegate meeting.

I remain, Gentlemen and Brethren, yours fraternally.

JOHN YOUNG, G. S.

Upon the reception of the foregoing communication the S. C. of M. adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That any assumption of power or authority by any P. G. M. or Council, over any branch lodge in America, contrary to the above resolution and instructions of the Committee of Management, will not be sanctioned by this Sub-Committee.

November 8, 1869, Monongahela Lodge, No. 1305, was granted the dispensation for Eureka Lodge, No. 1436, Pittsburg, Pa.

Mt. Olive Lodge, No. 1333, was granted the dispensation for J. McC. Crummill Lodge, No. 1437, Washington, D. C.

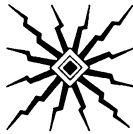
December 13, 1869, Star of Liberty Lodge, No. 1062, was granted the dispensation for Siloam Lodge, No. 1438, Mt. Holly, N. J.

Humane Lodge, No. 1411, was granted the dispensation for King Solomon Lodge, No. 1439, Centerville, Md.

Lone Star Lodge, No. 1340, was granted the dispensation for Richmond Lodge, No. 1440, Richmond, Va.

Carthaginian Lodge, No. 901, was granted the dispensation for John E. Van Brakle Lodge, No. 1441, Philadelphia, Pa.

Olive Lodge, No. 967, was granted the dispensation for Western Star Lodge, No. 1442, Catonsville, Md.



CHAPTER XXIX.

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUB-COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT, 1870.

January 25, 1870. Hutchinson Lodge, 1362, was granted the dispensation for Western Star Lodge, No 1443, Chicago, Ill.

Household Warrant No. 11 was granted to Hutchinson Lodge, No. 1362, Chicago, Ill.

February 14, 1870, Evening Star Lodge, No. 713, was granted the dispensation for Blooming Rose Lodge, No. 1444, Berryville, Va.

March 14, 1870, Fraternal Lodge, No. 893, was granted the dispensation for Prudence Lodge, No. 1445, Philadelphia, Pa.

March 21, 1870. Dawning Star Lodge, No. 1414, was granted the dispensation for Sons of Zion Lodge, No. 1446, Lynchburg, Va.

April 11, 1870. Nehemiah Lodge, No. 1216 was granted the dispensation for Golden Link, No. 1447, Baltimore, Md.

May 9, 1870. Radiant Star Lodge, No. 1063, was granted the dispensation for William Murphy Lodge, No. 1448, Media, Pa.

Manasseh Lodge, No. 1214, was granted the dispensation for Mount Carmel Lodge, No. 1449, Saulsbury, Md.

June 23, 1870. Crystal Fount Lodge, No. 1061, was granted the dispensation for Golden Rule Lodge, No. 1450, Annapolis, Md.

July 18, 1870. United Sons of the Morning Lodge, No. 1334, was granted the dispensation for Saint John Lodge, No. 1451, Chester, Va., and Brotherly Love Lodge, No. 896, was granted the dispensation for Hope of Friend Lodge, No. 1452, West Harrisburg, Pa.

August 8, 1870. Dawning Star Lodge, No. 1414, was granted the dispensation for Fairfax Taylor Lodge, No. 1453, Charlottsville, Va.

September 5, 1870. The sad intelligence of the death of Grand Secretary Needham was announced to the S. C. of M.

Bros. J. C. Bowers, David B. Bowser and Henry Gordon were appointed a committee on memorial. They presented the following preamble and resolutions which were adopted and published to the world.

IN MEMORIAM.

PHILADELPHIA, SEPT. 5, 1870.

A special meeting of the Sub-Committee of Management, G. U. O. of O. F., of America, was held at their hall, S. E. corner of Seventh and Market streets, Philadelphia, Pa., on the evening of September 5, 1870, for the purpose of taking action relative to the death of their late Grand Secretary, Bro. James Needham.

Grand Master John C. Bowers delivered the following eloquent address:

Brethren: Once more it becomes our painful and solemn duty to chronicle the demise of another one of the shining lights of our Order (the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows,) Bro. James Needham, whose remains were followed to their last resting-place by his sorrowing brother Odd Fellows, also the A. Y. Masons, of which he was also a prominent member, on Friday afternoon, September 9, 1870.

Our brother was born near this city, and resided in Philadelphia nearly all his life, and has ever been a useful and active member in the community.

He was one of the founders of Unity Lodge, No. 711, of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows in this city (it being the first), twenty-five years ago.

On the removal of the Sub-Committee of Management from New York to Philadelphia, he was elected Grand Secretary of the Order in America, and such was the satisfaction rendered, that he held the position till the day of his death.

He subsequently united himself to the Masonic Order, where his services were so highly appreciated, that he was elected, term after term, to the highest position in the fraternity.

He was treasurer of the Pennsylvania State Equal Rights League.

He was also a member of St. Thomas' Protestant Episcopal Church, a member of the Vestry, and at the time of his death Senior Warden, which office he had filled for the last twenty years. His funeral services were held in the Church.

In his death the Odd Fellows, A. Y. Masons, and the citizens generally, have lost a man whose place it will be difficult to fill.

Bro. D. B. Bowser, D. G. M., presented the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The S. C. of M. of the G. U. O. of O. F. of America, have heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the decease of Bro. James Needham, their late honored and esteemed Grand Secretary, which office he has filled for many years with credit to himself and profit to the Brotherhood.

Resolved, That by the dispensation of Providence, the Christian Church has lost a man of spotless character; our beneficial and charitable institutions an efficient and faithful officer; the community an eminent and public-spirited citizen.

Resolved, That while we bow in humble submission to this all-wise decree of the great *I am*, we cannot but deplore the loss of him with whom we have spent so many pleasant hours, and in an official capacity, been associated so many years. We desire to extend to the bereaved family of our departed brother, the heartfelt sympathy and condolence of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows in this their hour of trial.

Resolved, That in honor of the memory of our deceased brother, and as a tribute of affectionate regard for his virtues and many manly qualities, a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the Committee of Management at Manchester, England, the Councils and Lodges of the G. U. O. of O. F. in America; also the family of our departed brother.

Other members of the committee followed in eulogistic addresses.

D. B. Bowser, the D. G. M., was elected to fill the unexpired term of the late Grand Secretary, and Joseph Johnson succeeded to the Deputy Grand Master's position.

At a meeting of the Sub-Committee of Management, held October 31, 1870, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

The Grand Secretary be, and is hereby instructed to correspond with the Committee of Management, England, and request them to define the powers of the S. C. of M., America, under the warrant dated December 19, 1843, relative to granting dispensations opening new lodges, etc.

The following is an extract from a letter received in answer to the above:

March 30, 1871.

D. B. BOWSER, Esq.,

Grand Secretary Sub-Committee of Management, America:

Correspondence having been received by the Committee of Management, America, asking their opinion on the power granted to them by their warrant dated December 19, 1843, to open new lodges, etc., after duly considering the matter, it was

Resolved, That the S. C. of M. of America must be guided by their own rules and the particular circumstances of the cases which may

arise, and they are further of the opinion that they may delegate power to open new lodges to any member or members of the S. C. of M., or any lodge in the Order; but on no account can they charge the Order with the opening expenses, but as per Grand Law.

Attest:

EDWARD SEWELL, G. M.

JOHN YOUNG, G. S.

THE TWENTY-FIFTH A. M. C., 1870.

This meeting was held in National Hall, Ninth and Walnut streets, Wilmington, Del., October 5, 1870. Seventy-three delegates responded to roll call.

The demise of the late Grand Secretary, James Needham, was announced at this meeting and appropriate remarks and resolutions were made expressive of the profound sorrow the Order felt in his death. A memorial page was set apart in the proceedings of this A. M. C. in honor of his faithful and efficient services as Grand Secretary for twenty years.

This A. M. C. elected the following members for the S. C. of M. for 1871.

ROBT. JONES, G. M.

JOSEPH W. JOHNSON, D. G. M.

DAVID B. BOWSER, G. S.

HENRY GORDON, G. T.

GRAND DIRECTORS.

ANDREW J. MERCER.

CHARLES SIMPSON.

or EZEKIEL SCOTT.

JOHN NIXON.

November 14, 1870, dispensations were granted for Benj. Bannaker, 1454, Pikesville, Md.; Saint James, 1455, Atlanta, Ga., and Star of South, 1456, Atlanta, Ga.

December 12, 1870, dispensations were granted for Erzel Lodge, 1457, St. Louis, Mo.; Harris Lodge, 1458, Abingdon, Va.; Wilmington, 1459, Wilmington, Del.; and S. W. Chase, 1460, Port Deposit, Md.

CHAPTER XXX.

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUB-COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT, 1871.

January 4, 1871. The S. C. of M. adopted a resolution to grant no dispensation to open Lodges in the District of Columbia during this year. Notwithstanding the resolution they granted the dispensation for Green Mountain Lodge, No. 1477, Washington, D. C., July 3. There were then twelve Lodges in the District. Now (1901) there are twenty-seven good Lodges of our Order in Washington City.

THE TWENTY-SIXTH A. M. C., 1871.

Met at Frederick, Maryland, October 4, with delegates from eighty-eight Lodges. The meeting convened in Evening Star Lodge room with the largest delegation ever elected up to that time.

The Grand Master, Robt. Jones, devoted the greater part of his address to the propositions which were to be considered at this meeting. Referring to the necessity and utility of District Lodges, he said:

"In 1868, a proposition before the A. M. C. for district lodges was lost by a large majority, also in the same meeting, a most excellent proposition for the same thing, dictated by our late Grand Secretary, was lost by an equally large majority—again in 1869, a similar proposition was presented, and scarcely received a respectful attention. In the same year a proposition was passed conferring judicial power on Past Grand Master's Councils, (in order to meet this difficulty of adjudication on account of distance from the S. C. of M.) but it never went into effect, being objected to by the C. of M., England, as contrary to law. The meeting of 1870, passed without anything on this point being presented, but this year we have two, and it is to be hoped that you will act on them, and do something to meet this want."

At the close of business the convention elected the S. C. of M. for 1872.

ROBERT JONES, G. M.	J. W. JOHNSON, D. G. M.
DANIEL GEORGE, G. T.	DAVID B. BOWSER, G. S.

DIRECTORS.

A. J. MERCER.
HANS SHADD.

EZEKIEL SCOTT.
J. E. BURR.

• LODGE DISPENSATIONS GRANTED IN 1871.

DISPENSATED.	NAME OF LODGE.	NO.	LOCATION.
Feb 13, 1871	M. Star of the West.....	1461	Winchester, Va
Feb 13, 1871	Flower of the Day.....	1462	Mount Olive, Md
Mar 14, 1871	King Hiram.....	1463	Staunton, Va
April 10, 1871	St. Andrews.....	1464	Jacksonville, Fla
April 17, 1871	R. Star of the West.....	1465	Burkittsville, Md
April 17, 1871	Mount Pleasant.....	1466	Baltimore, Md
May 8, 1871	F. P. Gaskins.....	1467	Manassas Junction, Va
May 22, 1871	James Needham.....	1468	Richmond, Va
May 22, 1871	Free Love.....	1469	Wilmington, N. C
June 19, 1871	Morning Star.....	1470	Weeksville, L. I., N. Y
June 19, 1871	R. H. Lee.....	1471	Warrenton, Va
June 19, 1871	Homesteadville.....	1472	Merchantville, N. J
June 19, 1871	Hosanna.....	1473	Jordantown, N. J
June 20, 1871	J. D. Kelly.....	1474	Philadelphia, Pa
July 3, 1871	Morning Light.....	1475	Williamsburg, Va
July 3, 1871	John B. Stanberry.....	1476	Danville, Ky
July 3, 1871	Green Mountain.....	1477	Washington, D. C
July 10, 1871	O. B. S.....	1478	Lynchburg, Va
July 10, 1871	Independent.....	1479	Danville, Va
Aug 14, 1871	Mount Phillip.....	1480	Middletown, Md
Aug 14, 1871	Anthony Bunch.....	1481	Madisonville, Ky
Sept 18, 1871	Ebenezer.....	1482	Richmond, Va
Sept 18, 1871	Unity Hope.....	1483	Uniontown, Pa
Sept 25, 1871	Christian Star.....	1484	New Haven, Conn
Oct 9, 1871	Wm. Love.....	1485	Jeffersonville, Ind
Nov 20, 1871	Lincoln Union.....	1486	Indianapolis, Ind

WARRANTS FOR HOUSEHOLDS OF RUTH.

DATE	NO	GRANTED TO	LOCATED
Feb 13, 1871	11	Noah Lodge.....	1567 Petersburg, Va
June 19, 1871	12	Kir Jath Arba.....	1432 Elmira, N. Y
Nov 20, 1871	14	Alpha Lodge.....	1381 Brooklyn, N. Y

PAST GRAND MASTERS' COUNCIL WARRANTS.

DATE	COUNCIL	LOCATED
April 17, 1871	Council No. 16.....	Portsmouth, Va
May 8, 1871	Council No. 17.....	Norfolk, Va
May 8, 1871	Council No. 18.....	Darby, Pa
July 10, 1871	Council No. 19.....	Brownsville, Pa
Aug 14, 1871	Council No. 20.....	Chicago, Ill



CHAPTER XXXI.

THE TWENTY-NINTH SUB-COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT, 1872.

This Board granted thirty-five dispensations for new Lodges during the year; also five warrants for new Households, and two for new Councils.

March 19. John Young, Grand Secretary, Committee of Management, England, died. He had served faithfully and acceptably in this position for eleven successive years. He was succeeded by Bro. Wm. Livesey.

June 10, 1872. The dispensation to open the oldest Lodge in Tennessee was granted. Title: "Memphis Star, 1501," Memphis, Tenn.

August 12. The first Lodge instituted in Colorado received its dispensation, title: "Denver, 1508," Denver, Colo. It is now inoperative.

Alabama was brought within the fold the same year. A dispensation to open Tomkin's Lodge 1521, Mobile, Ala., was granted December 23, 1872.

TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE.

The Sixth Triennial Conference of the P. O. of P. G. M.'s was held in Wilmington, Del., September 25, 1872. Six Councils were represented.

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH A. M. C., 1872.

Convened in Eureka Lodge room, Pittsburgh, Pa., October 2. Seventy-nine Lodges were represented.

This meeting adopted a proposition to publish a "Text Book of the G. U. O. of O. F.," and appointed P. G. M. Jos. C. Bustill to compile the same. The book was to have contained a "Faithful history of the introduction of the Order in America." Twenty-nine years have passed since then, but that text book has not yet put in its appearance.

The Order needed such a book, and the person appointed to write it was fully competent to do it, and did write much of it; but he was so unreasonably and unjustly opposed in his efforts

that he gave up the task in disgust, and never took an active interest in Odd Fellowship afterwards. Twenty years afterwards he related the entire circumstance to the author of this volume. But the details will not be published here.

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH S. C. of M. FOR 1873.

ROBERT JONES, G. M. DAVID B. BOWSER, G. S.
CHAS. W. BOND, D. G. M. DANIEL GEORGE, G. T.

DIRECTORS.

EZEKIEL SCOTT. ANDREW J. MERCER.
J. E. BURR. JOSHUA D. KELLEY.

Up to this time there had been only twenty-one Councils and twenty Households established in America.

LODGE DISPENSATIONS GRANTED IN 1872.

DISPENSATED	NAME OF LODGE	NO	LOCATED
Jan 8, 1872	Amos	1487	New Orleans, La
Jan 8, 1872	Strother	1488	Greencastle, Pa
Jan 8, 1872	United Brothers	1489	Reisterstown, Md
Jan 8, 1872	Tribe of Judah	1490	Easton, Md
Feb 12, 1872	Jeremiah	1491	Oil City, Pa
Mar 11, 1872	O. V. Catto	1492	Camden, N. J.
April 8, 1872	Globe	1493	Richmond, Va
April 8, 1872	Catharine	1494	South Mills, N. C
April 8, 1872	Silver Queen	1495	Suffolk, Va
May 13, 1872	United Fellows	1496	Louisville, Ky
May 13, 1872	Fansett	1497	Chambersburg, Pa
May 13, 1872	Solomon's Temple	1498	Springfield, O
June 10, 1872	Watson	1499	Mercersburg, Pa
June 10, 1872	Charles Sumner	1500	Cleveland, O
June 10, 1872	Memphis	1501	Memphis, Tenn
June 10, 1872	Pride of Maryland	1502	Baltimore, Md
June 10, 1872	Belle Haven	1503	Alexandria, Va
June 24, 1872	Rising Star	1504	Marietta, Ga
July 8, 1872	Brandywine	1505	Wilmington, Del
July 8, 1872	Fremont	1506	Lynn, Mass
July 8, 1872	Emblem of Progress	1507	New Orleans, La
July 8, 1872	Denver	1508	Denver, Col
Sept 8, 1872	David B. Bowser	1509	Danville, Pa
Sept 23, 1872	S. B. Jones	1510	Athens, Ga

LODGE DISPENSATIONS GRANTED IN 1872—CON- CLUDED.

DISPENSATED	NAME OF LODGE	NO	LOCARED
Oct 28, 1872	Mount Moriah.....	1511	Deleware, O
Oct 28, 1872	Virginia	1512	Connersville, Va
Oct 28, 1872	Washington	1513	New Castle, Ky
Nov 11, 1872	Adam.....	1514	Louisville, Ky
Nov 11, 1872	Union Western Star	1515	Allegheny, Pa
Nov 11, 1872	Lincoln University.....	1516	Chestertown, Md
Nov 25, 1872	Excelsior.....	1517	Baltimore, Md
Nov 25, 1872	Petomska	1518	New Bedford, Mass
Nov 25, 1872	Gem of Kentucky	1519	Lexington, Ky
Dec 9, 1872	Hero.....	1520	Yonkers, N. Y
Dec 23, 1872	Tompkins.....	1521	Mobile, Ala

WARRANTS FOR HOUSEHOLDS OF RUTH.

DATE	NO	GRANTED TO	LOCATED
Feb 12, 1872	15	Golden Rule.....	1450 Annapolis, Md
July 8, 1872	16	Lone Star.....	1340 Richmond, Va
July 8, 1872	17	Jonathan.....	1434 Hampton, Va
Oct 28, 1872	18	St. James.....	1455 Atlanta, Ga
Oct 28, 1872	19	Dawning Star	1414 Lynchburg, Va
Nov 11, 1872	20	Union Friendship.....	891 Washington, D. C

PAST GRAND MASTERS' COUNCIL WARRANTS.

DATE	COUNCIL	LOCATED
Sept 8, 1872	Council No. 21.....	Providence, R. I
Nov 12, 1872	Council No. 23.....	Boston, Mass

CHAPTER XXXII.

THE THIRTIETH SUB-COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT, 1873.

This Board granted fifty dispensations for Lodges; three for Households; two for Councils, and the first Patriarchy Warrant.

January 27. The dispensation to institute the oldest Lodge in Mississippi was granted, title: Hill City 1525, Vicksburg, Miss.

August 11, the first Patriarchy Warrant was granted to Philadelphia Patriarchy No. 1.

Philadelphia Patriarchy, No. 1, was organized with the following officers:

Most Venerable Patriarch, Bro. Jos. C. Bustill.

Right Venerable Patriarch, Bro. J. Emory Burr.

Venerable Patriarch, Bro. David B. Bowser.

Worthy Patriarchal Recorder, Bro. Elias Collins.

Worthy Patriarchal Treasurer, Bro. Francis R. Miller.

Worthy Patriarchal Prelate, Bro. Andrew J. Mercer.

Patriarchal Samaritan, Bro. Jos. W. Johnson.

Patriarchal Shepherd, Bro. John I. Nixon.

Patriarchal Keeper, Bro. John E. Moore.

And thus it was that Bro. Jos. C. Bustill became the founder and father of the Patriarchy, and the first M. V. P. in America.

The A. M. C. of 1869, having ordered a revision of the ritualistic work of the Order, Bro. J. C. Bustill was assigned this important duty. His efforts were so gratifying that the Board passed a resolution of congratulation for the able and exhaustive lectures submitted by him. Bro. Bustill's letter:—

Piladelphia, April 14, 1873.

To the Grand Master, Officers and Members of Sub-Committee of Management, G. U. O. of O. F. in America, greeting:

Sirs and Brothers:—I take great pleasure in presenting herewith, in three books, the full result of my labors, in revising, systematizing and improving the Ritual of this branch of our beloved Order; the 1st containing Opening, Closing, and Initiation Ceremonies, with instructions and regulations; the 2d containing Elections, Obligations, Installation and Dedication Ceremonies, with instructions and regulations; the 3d containing Degrees, Signs, Signals, Tests and Passwords. In their preparation I have adhered, as closely as possible, to the Ritual of 1841, which is considered and believed, by Brothers of knowledge



F. H. LEAVENS,
Grand Director, G. U. O. O. F., in America.

and experience, to be the best we have ever had. I have not endeavored to make a new Ritual, but to so improve and systematize that, in all its relations, as to enable it to meet the demands of the age, and sustain the well earned reputation of our Order, as being one of the best institutions now in existence, or that the world has ever produced, for the mutual relief and benefit of mankind. The changes made, or new features introduced, have been made in compliance with the oft repeated demand of the Order in America, and are such that the experience of every Past Officer will bear testimony to their value and necessity. In some instances they are not as radical as I desired, nor as radical as I would have made, had I not feared that our Brothers in England would have ignored them, either because they were not English, or because they so entirely departed from what might be regarded as our ancient landmarks, or because they contained too much of the spirit and purpose of Republicanism. I have therefore been compelled to content and confine myself and labors within these bounds, so as to avoid any objections that might be urged, and to insure if possible their adoption and circulation without delay. And I can assure you, there is not an alteration or addition not fully warranted by experience; nor an idea ingrafted that is not sustained by the conclusion reached; not an object or emblem introduced or defined that does not present a useful lesson and answer a useful purpose; nor an instruction or regulation adopted that was not required by these improvements, or made necessary to legalize what has been practiced without authority. New Degrees, Signs, Tests, Signals and Passwords have been adopted, and in some cases old ones have been changed, in order to prevent this work being used in conjunction with the present work, which ought to be condemned and recalled before this is issued, and no lodge should be furnished with the new work until the old books and cards have been received; and the password should be withheld from every lodge neglecting or refusing to forward the entire old work within six months after condemnation and recall, which would effectually prevent the use of the old books and cards, which are of all dates from 1841 to the present, and at once harmonize and systematize the work of our entire Order in a very short time—which, considering the variety of books used, and the difference in their working, would be a reformation greatly to be desired.

I have placed the Lodge of Instruction in one book, that you might readily see the intention and mode of operation, but it should be published in two books, with binding so different as to be readily recognized, and to be known as the Noble Father's and Past Noble Father's Books. The eight degrees should be in full in each, but the N. F.'s should contain only the Signs, Questions and Key, while the P. N. F.'s should contain the Signals, Passwords and Answers of the eight degrees, and the Installation and Test of the P. N. F., so that should either book be mislaid or lost, and fall into other hands than those in whose custody they belong, it would be almost unintelligible, and prevent the exposure of our most important secret work. There should also be printed cards, or small books, for all the other officers, that each may commit to memory his duty, which would greatly facilitate their performance, enhance the beauty and solemnity of our ceremonies, and increase their interest and influence upon the brothers generally.

Many of the regulations are new and stringent, but every brother of large experience in the working of our Order, will admit they have long been required.

Feeling that a thorough examination of the work in all its relations, will show its value, necessity and importance to the Order, and secure its adoption for the use of the Order in America, if not throughout the world, I submit it to your careful and critical examination, and if approved, hope you will use every effort to secure its adoption in England, that its early publication may give to the Order in America a ritual in accordance with the earnest desires expressed at the last annual meeting, and by whose authority this work has been prepared.

I have commenced the revisal of the Household of Ruth, and will push forward the work upon that and the Patriachy as fast as possible, and hope to submit them for your consideration at an early day.

In behalf of the G. U. O. of O. F. in America, I am in the bonds of F. L. and T.

Yours truly,

JOS. C. BUSTILL

The manuscripts of the new rituals were forwarded to England for confirmation; also the following letter:

Philadelphia, May 10, 1873,

Office, 481 N. Fourth St.

To the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Committee of Management, England:

Gentlemen and Brethren:

We have the honor and pleasure of presenting for your consideration, approval and adoption for the use and benefit of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, the rituals of 1841 and 1845, revised, systematized, enlarged and improved, by Bro. Joseph G. Bustill, P. G. M. together with his letter of explanation. This work has been prepared by order of and in accordance with a resolution passed at our last annual meeting held in the city of Pittsburgh, State of Pennsylvania, Oct. 23d and 24th, 1872. Bro. Bustill was selected and appointed for this duty on account of his experience, knowledge, and peculiar fitness for this important labor.

The S. C. of M. appointed a special committee to take charge of the matter. The manuscript was submitted from time to time to be examined, altered and amended to suit such special committee or the S. C. of M. It has therefore our full knowledge and approval, and the more so from the fact that these improvements have been asked for from time to time, until it has become a necessity. (See Annual Reports from 1862 to the present.)

Communications relative to an improved ritual and other matters of vital importance, were sent to the late John Young, G. S., with a request for him to present them at the meeting of the C. of M. For some reason best known to himself he retained them in his possession and the Committee never saw them.

The rituals now in use are far from being satisfactory; they are

brief and uninteresting. The secret work is not up to the standard of similar institutions in this country. The progressive spirit of the people, our rapid increase of new lodges, the growing intelligence and prosperity throughout our entire Order, demand a change in order to retain the rapidly increasing membership.

The S. C. of M. have granted thirty-three dispensations during the last six months, and our prospects brighten every day. We have gone as far west as Colorado Territory, and south along the coast of Florida. Brethren, we have briefly stated to you our wants and the necessity which forces them upon us. We would like to see this ritual (with such alterations or additions as you might find it necessary to make) adopted as the work of our entire Order throughout the world. If that cannot be, we pray you grant us permission to use it in all lodges working under our jurisdiction. We would like you to print and furnish it to us. If that cannot be done give to us the authority and we will have it printed for ourselves. We see among the propositions for the next bi-annual meeting at Preston, that the demand for improvement in the ritual is not confined to this country, nor will it be, for with the increase of the spirit and progress of the age, improvements are being made in all the departments of life, and ours must keep pace with this earnest and laudable desire for perfection. Allow me again to repeat the rituals now in use are lamentably deficient in fullness, completeness or general utility, all of which are supplied in the work submitted. We have no desire to separate from our mother lodge in England. On the contrary, it has always been our pride and boast to claim that we are a branch of the original stock, the "Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, England," and our earnest desire is to continue in that relationship. Thirty years have passed since Bro. Peter Ogden, P. G. M. of Victoria Lodge of Liverpool, established the first lodge, Philomathean, No. 646, in the city of New York. Twenty-three years of that time our efforts were partially paralyzed, on account of the existence of slavery in our land. Thank God, "those bloody days are past." Now, all men are equal before the law. No longer are we circumscribed in our labors of love or the extension of our Order. The whole broad land is ours, and every man the peer of every other man.

Brethren, we respectfully ask that our petition will be granted, and that you will not withhold from us the elements of future usefulness and success.

We remain most faithfully yours,

In the bond of F. L. & T.,

D. B. BOWSER, G. S.

(Signed by full board.)

Approved, May 12, 1873.

The entire correspondence was laid before the English A. M. C., which met at Preston, in Lancashire, England, June 3, 1873, and was acknowledged thus:

Worthy Grand Master. Sub-Committee of Management; and the Brethren of the G. U. O. of O. F., Philadelphia, U. S.

We, the Grand Master, D. G. M., C. M., and Delegates in biennial meeting assembled, at Preston, Lancashire, England, on the third day

of June, 1873, greet you with sincere remembrances in the name of friendship, love, and truth. Forming, as we do, under one great principle, one undivided institution existing for the benefit of one common humanity amongst all peoples of every nation and color throughout the world, your parent society, through its duly elected representatives, gladly embrace this opportunity of forwarding to their Transatlantic brethren their hearty and sincere congratulations and most fraternal greetings. We in England rejoice in this opportunity to assure you of our warmest and profound devotion to your best interests. Although during the past two years circumstances have arisen which apparently tended to weaken these noble sentiments of pure brotherly regard, from these peculiar and special circumstances, we hope to gain wisdom in the future. Notwithstanding these considerations, we firmly believe that your confidence in the Parent Society, as it exists in the glorious old country, is not shaken, but that the trials we have passed through will excite in your breasts a corresponding sympathy and confidence towards us, and thus one common bond of love and brotherhood will be strengthened between the Order and the C. M. here with the Sub-Committee and brethren in the States of America. Your kind and welcome communication of the 10th and 12th of May, addressed to our Grand Secretary and Brother W. Edwards, of Sheffield District, have been laid before the delegates, and in due course you will receive through properly constituted official channels, a detail account of the results arising from their consideration. Brethren, in the names of the delegates of the B. C. M. of 1873, we beg to subscribe ourselves.

Yours most affectionately and devotedly,

JOHN MASSEY, G. M.
JOHN HALL, G. T.
T. FIDLER, D. G. M.
E. SEWELL, EX-G. M.
W. LIVEZEY, G. S.

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH A. M. C., 1873.

The Twenty-eighth Annual Meeting of the Order was held in Georgetown, D. C., October 7, 1873, 113 Lodges were represented. In the course of the Grand Master's address, he said:

"The arduous duty of compiling the new work, by Bro. Jos. C. Bus-till, and the examination and endorsement of it by a committee, has been faithfully performed; also the work appertaining to the Patri-archy, a higher branch of the Order, has been written and put into the hands of the printer. A convention of Past Officers of the P. G. M. Councils will meet during the session of this A. M. C., to put it in operation throughout this jurisdiction. The compilation of the history of the Order is not begun yet, on account of the difficulty of getting information on that subject from England, but we trust it will be forth-coming ere long; also the text book, which of necessity had to be pre-ceded by the ritual, will be issued in proper time. Information has just been received from the C. of M. by the G. S. of the approval, with

some slight alterations of the ritual alluded to, with permission to have it printed for the use of the Order in America. The G. S. will give a report of the correspondence, and all other usual reports for the past year."

The convention concluded its sessions by electing the S. C. of M. for 1874.

J. EMORY BURR, G. M. REDMOND FAUSET, D. G. M.
DAVID B. BOWSER, G. S. ANDREW J. MERCER, G. T.

DIRECTORS.

JOSEPH C. GREEN. LEVI W. CROMWELL.
JOSEPH W. JOHNSON. HENRY GORDON.

The *Washington Republican* gave a full account of the parade, oration and reception. The following is an extract:

GALA DAY WITH COLORED CITIZENS.

Parade of the Grand United Order, review by the President and Governor, an imposing demonstration, address of John Thomas Johnson, levee at night.

Yesterday was a gala day for our colored citizens, the occasion being a grand procession of the different lodges of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, which visited Washington for the purpose of celebrating the 28th anniversary of the Order, and are holding a convention in Georgetown, at Market House Hall.

The announcement in yesterday's "Republican" caused crowds to assemble on the sidewalks and at the available places to witness the procession, and the outpouring of citizens never was before equaled on a similar occasion.

Then follows an account of the procession which was reviewed from the Executive Mansion by President Grant.

LODGE DISPENSATIONS GRANTED IN 1873.

DISPENSATED.	NAME OF LODGE.	NO.	LOCATION.
Jan 13, 1873	Tribe of Zebulon.....	522	Denton, Md
Jan 13, 1873	Mount Ephraim.....	523	Falls Church, Va
Jan 13, 1873	St. George.....	524	East St. Louis, Ill
Jan 27, 1873	Hill City.....	525	Vicksburg, Miss
Jan 27, 1873	Sheba.....	526	Trenton, N. J
Feb 24, 1873	Cumberland Brotherhood.....	527	Carlisle, Pa
Mar 10, 1873	Laurel.....	528	Laurel, Del
April 14, 1873	Pride of Louisiana.....	529	New Orleans, La
April 14, 1873	St. Michaels.....	530	Key West, Florida
April 14, 1873	Shiloh.....	531	Liberty, Va
April 14, 1873	Spring Race.....	532	Elizabeth City, N. C

LODGE DISPENSATIONS GRANTED IN 1873—CON- CLUDED.

DISPENSATED	NAME OF LODGE	NO	LOCATED
April 14, 1873	Abraham	1533	Petersburg, Va
April 14, 1873	Mount Ararat.....	1534	Yorktown, N. J
April 21, 1873	Industry	1535	Pittsburg, Pa
April 21, 1873	Phillis Wheatley.....	1536	Brownsville, Tenn
April 21, 1873	Gadiliah	1537	Charlotte C. H., Va
April 21, 1873	Evergreen.....	1538	Manchester, Va
May 12, 1873	Wm. Paul Quinn	1539	Toledo, O
May 12, 1873	St. Paul.....	1540	New Albany, Ind
June 9, 1873	Narragansett	1541	Providence, R. I
June 9, 1873	Harvard	1542	Cambridgeport, Mass
June 9, 1873	Enterprise	1543	Seaford, Del
June 23, 1873	Edmonds	1544	New Albany, Ind
June 23, 1873	Paducah	1545	Paducah, Ky
June 23, 1873	Keystone	1546	West Philadelphia, Pa
July 14, 1873	Mountain City.....	1547	Dalton, Ga
July 14, 1873	Oscar J. Dunn.....	1548	New Orleans, La
July 14, 1873	Golden Chain.....	1549	Springfield, Mass
July 14, 1873	R. Star of Alabama.....	1550	Eufaula, Ala
Aug 11, 1873	Naomi	1551	Parkersburg, W. Va
Aug 11, 1873	Hannibal	1552	Wilson, N. C
Aug 11, 1873	Pride of Georgia.....	1553	Atlanta, Ga
Aug 11, 1873	Chosen Friends.....	1554	Columbus, Ga
Sept 8, 1873	Bloomington.....	1555	Bloomington, Ind
Sept 8, 1873	U. Sons of Lutherville.....	1556	Lutherville, Md
Sept 14, 1873	Aberdeen.....	1557	Middleburgh, Va
Sept 14, 1873	Queen of the Valley	1558	Charlestown, Va
Sept 22, 1873	Rock of Ezel.....	1559	Oxford, N. C
Sept 29, 1873	America.....	1595	Baltimore, Md
Oct 27, 1873	Chesapeake.	1596	Hampton, Va
Oct 27, 1873	Capitol City.....	1597	Frankfort, Ky
Nov 10, 1873	Minerva.....	1598	Frankford, Pa
Nov 10, 1873	Bowling Green.....	1599	Bowling Green, Ky
Nov 10, 1873	Georgetown	1600	Georgetown, S. C
Nov 10, 1873	Piedmont	1601	Gordonsville, Va
Nov 10, 1873	Rock Springs.....	1603	Hagerstown, Md
Dec 8, 1873	May Flower.....	1604	Elk Ridge Landing, Md
Dec 8, 1873	The L. of Newnan.....	1605	Newnan, Ga
Dec 8, 1873	Pocahontas.....	1606	Farmville, Va
Dec 8, 1873	Cumberland	1607	Millville, N. J

WARRANTS FOR HOUSEHOLDS OF RUTH.

DATE	NO	GRANTED TO	LOCATED
April 14, 1873	21	Olive Branch.....	1377 Columbia, Pa
Oct 22, 1873	22	Star of the West.....	1433 Hampton, Va
Nov 10, 1873	23	J. F. N. Wilkinson.....	1343 Washington, D. C

PAST GRAND MASTERS' COUNCIL WARRANTS.

DATE	COUNCIL	LOCATED
Feb 24, 1873	Council No. 24.....	Lynchburg, Va
Oct 27, 1873	Council No. 25.....	Hampton, Va

August 11, 1873, Philadelphia, (Pa) Patriarchy No. 1



CHAPTER XXXIII.

THE THIRTY-FIRST SUB-COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT, 1874.

Forty-five dispensations, twenty-one Households, P. G. M. Council, and one Patriarchy warrant, were granted the year.

THE TWENTY-NINTH A. M. C., 1874.

This meeting was held in Chatham, Ontario, Dominion of Canada, October 6. Fifty-one lodges were represented.

Grand Master J. Emory Burr, in his annual address, called the attention of the meeting to the restoration of the ritual of 1846 and 1848, revised and improved by Joseph C. Bustill; also to the importance of providing a permanent office for the transaction of the business of the Order; the increase of the Grand Secretary's salary; the purchase of a printing press; the erection of a monument to the memory of the founder of the Order, and the late G. S. James Needham.

This convention was marked by stormy and acrimonious debates. Certain acts and edicts of the S. C. of M. had aroused considerable ill-feeling, and the delegation from Washington, Baltimore and Richmond was especially severe in their criticisms of alleged "usurpations" by the Board. The Secretary had barely finished reading the minutes of the first day before he was pounced upon and sharply censured for incompetency and carelessness. The Assistant Secretary replied: "I have repeatedly noticed that the brother who now appears so nervously dissatisfied—who continually opposes everything brought forward in this convention—appears here, to my sight, to decided advantage—similar to a 'hen on a hot griddle,' continually flipping away and winging everybody—incessantly—by finding fault and grumbling."

The questions which gave rise to the debates, principally, were: (1) The revision of the "Ruth Degree Laws;" (2) The institution of the Patriarchy; and (3) The edict concerning regalia. The question of District Lodges came in for considerable discussion also. After the debaters had pretty well used up all the epithets in the vocabulary, sandwiched with "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," "Before Jehovah's Awful Throne," "When I Can Read My Title Clear," and the like, Bro. Joseph Bustill took the floor and said:

Mr. Chairman.—I could not, sir, if I desired, attempt to correctly or intelligently follow in the line of this debate; for it is not in the least creditable, especially to those who appear so eager to condemn, vilify and abuse; and who seemed to have a mutual understanding in order to give effect to this dishonorable way of attacking others who have committed no offences whatever. Because, sir, every individual grievance has not been attended to, we are threatened by secession. And is this the way in which you expect to bring about a strong sentiment in favor of removing the committee to Washington? "Secession!" "Disunion!" Why, Mr. Chairman, if members of a certain portion of the country imagine grievances (as some do, I am sorry to say, at the present time), secession is threatened. This is no new threat, sir. It is constantly thrown in the teeth of the northern portion of the Order. But, strangely to say, that pernicious threat always emanates from one and the same point, and from one set of delegates. It puzzles my brain, Mr. Chairman, to solve the problem, how it is that lodges will persist in being represented at our conventions by men who constantly threaten to break up the Order; men who, to my mind, would rather "rule in hell than serve in heaven." Where would you go in case your threats could be made good? Will you fly to our white brethren who look upon you with contempt, and who refuse to recognize you? In my opinion sir, the Order's interest cannot be advanced one step so long as our conventions are represented by those who are continually trying to break up the Order. But I warn these hot-headed gentlemen that what they pray for will never be realized. This grand o'd Order will stand when they cease to exist. Now, sir, the ritual does nothing to conflict with the individual feelings of any members of this Order. I am prepared, sir, to demonstrate it to the satisfaction of every fair-minded delegate on this floor. Certain brethren were endeavoring to make it appear that the Sub-Committee of Management desired to suppress facts with regard to this ritual matter, the regalia—and it seemed to him all official matter of importance that has come under its notice the past year. In the several reports presented to this convention, by the Committee, every fact, and every act of the Committee have been duly presented. He challenged, therefore those who so maliciously attacked this Committee to point to facts to sustain this wholesale denunciation.

After full explanation by the G. M. and G. S., the A. M. C. approved their actions, and re-elected the principal officers to serve the ensuing year.

S. C. of M. for 1875.

REDMOND FAUCETT, G. M.,	D. B. BOWSER, G. S.,
J. EMORY BURR, D. G. M.,	A. J. MERCER, G. T.

GRAND DIRECTORS.

HENRY GORDON,	J. F. N. WILKINSON,
FRANCIS MILLER,	W. M. T. FORRESTER.

 LODGE DISPENSATIONS GRANTED IN 1874.

DISPENSATED	NAME OF LODGE	NO	LOCATED
Jan 12, 1874	Golden Lyre.....	1608	Wilmington, N. C
Jan 12, 1874	Grand Hope.....	1609	Goose Creek, Ky
Jan 12, 1874	Bloomfield.....	1610	Bloomfield, Ky
Jan 12, 1874	Golden Fleece.....	1615	Chicago, Ill
Jan 12, 1874	Virtu	1616	Raleigh, N. C
Jan 12, 1874	Cohansey	1617	Bridgeton, N. J
Feb 9, 1874	Silver Star.....	1618	Rockville, Md
Feb 9, 1874	Simon.....	1602	Washington, D. C
Feb 9, 1874	Vestville	1619	Matthew C. H., Va
Feb 23, 1874	Medelton.....	1620	Montclair, N. J
Mar 9, 1874	Mt. Horeb.....	1621	Elizabethtown, Ky
Mar 9, 1874	Plymouth Rock.....	1622	Boston, Mass
April 13, 1874	Tennessee Union.....	1623	Memphis, Tenn
April 13, 1874	Meridian Sun.....	1624	Plymouth, N. C
April 13, 1874	Light of the Moon.....	1625	Ashland, Va
April 27, 1874	Benevolent	1626	Mobile, Ala
May 11, 1874	Youngstown.....	1627	Youngstown, Ohio
May 25, 1874	Shomas Garrett.....	1628	Wilford, Del
June 8, 1874	Anthracite.....	1629	Wilkes Barre, Pa
July 6, 1874	Plaindealing.....	1630	Charlestown, Ind
July 6, 1874	Merrimac.....	1631	Haverhill, Mass
July 13, 1874	St. Mitchell.....	1632	Macon, Ga
July 13, 1874	Samuel.....	1633	Goshen, Ky
July 13, 1874	Newbern Golden Link.....	1634	Newburn, N. C
July 13, 1874	Louisville.....	1635	Louisville, Ky
July 13, 1874	Hermon.....	1636	Berkley, Va
July 13, 1874	Kanawha Light.....	1637	Charleston, W. Va
Aug 10, 1874	Light of Liberty.....	1638	Smithfield, Va
Aug 10, 1874	Poor Man's Friend.....	1639	Kinderhook, N. Y
Aug 24, 1874	New Tane.....	1640	Richmond, Ky
Sept 14, 1874	Messiah	1641	Cincinnati, Ohio
Sept 14, 1874	Camby.....	1642	Henderson, Ky
Sept 28, 1874	Freeman's Pride	1643	Norfolk, Va
Sept 28, 1874	Mt. Vernon.....	1644	Clarksville, Tenn
Oct 26, 1874	Allegheny	1645	Frosburg, Md
Oct 26, 1874	Crescent	1646	New Orleans, La
Oct 26, 1874	New Hope.....	1647	New Hope, Pa
Oct 26, 1874	Blue Ridge.....	1648	Middleport, Ohio
Oct 26, 1874	Marion.....	1649	Hanibal, Mo
Nov 9, 1874	Crispus Attucks.....	1650	Covington, Ky
Nov 23, 1874	Pilgrims	1651	Portsmouth, Va
Dec 14, 1874	Hope of Alabama.....	1652	Montgomery, Ala
Dec 14, 1874	Knoxville Banner.....	1653	Knoxville, Tenn
Dec 14, 1874	Nashville.....	1654	Nashville, Tenn
Dec 14, 1874	R. Star of Charlotte	1655	Charlotte, N. C

WARRANTS FOR HOUSEHOLDS OF RUTH.

DATE	NO	LOCATED	DATE	NO	LOCATED
Jan 12, 1874	24	Louisville, Ky	Sept 14, 1874	35	Mobile, Ala
Jan 12, 1874	25	Baltimore, Md	Sept 14, 1874	36	New Orleans, La
Feb 23, 1874	26	Nassau, N. P	Nov 9, 1874	37	Wilmington, N.C
May 25, 1874	27	Worcester, Mass	Nov 9, 1874	38	Key West, Fla
June 8, 1874	28	Pittsburg, Pa	Dec 14, 1874	39	Atlanta, Ga
July 13, 1874	29	Washington, D.C	Dec 14, 1874	40	Washington, D.C
July 13, 1874	30	Baltimore, Md	Dec 14, 1874	41	Washington, D.C
July 13, 1874	31	Balt more, Md	Dec 14, 1874	42	Marietta, Ga
July 13, 1874	32	Baltimore, Md	Dec 14, 1874	43	Providence, R. I
Aug 10, 1874	33	Portsmouth, Va	Dec 14, 1874	44	Chicago, Ill
Aug 24, 1874	34	Indianapolis, Ind			

PAST GRAND MASTERS' COUNCIL WARRANTS.

Nov 9, 1874, Council, No. 26, Louisville, Ky.

PATRIARCHIE WARRANTS GRANTED.

June 6, 1874, Patriarchie, No. 2, New York, N. Y.

NOTE.—The S. C. M. Minutes for this year show duplicate grants of Household Warrant, No. 36, Winchester, Va., and Council Warrant, No. 25, Atlanta, Ga.

AUTHOR.

CHAPTER XXXIV.

THE THIRTY-SECOND SUB-COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT, 1875.

Sixty-three dispensations to open new lodges were granted by this Board. Also thirty-one Households, and one Council.

February 8, the Board granted J. E. Van Brakel Lodge; No. 1441, Philadelphia, Pa., permission to change its name to "St. Albans."

Until 1874 no one had been elected a member of the S. C. of M., except residents of Philadelphia. That custom obtained from the year the headquarters were removed to said city.

THE THIRTIETH A. M. C., 1875.

Met at Louisville, Ky., October 5. Ninety-four delegates were present. Grand Master Faucett, in his annual address, said:

The A. M. C. last held had elected two brethren, P. G. M. W. M. T. Forrester, Lone Star Lodge, 1340, Richmond, Va., and P. G. M. Jno. F. N. Wilkinson, Eastern Star Lodge, 1028, Washington, D. C., to the honorable position of directors. These brethren as is evident, were not residents of the city of Philadelphia, where the S. C. of M. is located, nor were they members of any Patriarchy. To the minds of most of the members of the S. C. of M. this was considered sufficient reasons for the said brethren to be refused installation into the position to which they had been elected, the argument being that the A. M. C. ought not nor had they the right to elect members who were not of the city in which the S. C. of M. was located, nor to elect any to the S. C. of M. who were not members of the Patriarchy. In connection with this, Unity Lodge, 711, sent a communication to the S. C. of M. by which said lodge solemnly protested against the installation of said Brothers Forrester and Wilkinson, and desired to have said protest spread upon the minute book of the S. C. of M. In this D. G. M. Bro. Jno. E. Burr, together with other members of the S. C. of M., concurred. We, however, as G. M., believing that the A. M. C. had the right to elect such brethren to the S. C. of M. as in its judgment were suitable, they having the necessary qualifications, and from whatever place it thought best, administered the oath of office to the aforesaid brethren, and they took their places in the management of the S. C.

The A. M. C. approved the action of the Grand Master relative to installing Bros. Wilkinson and Forrester as Grand Di-

rectors, and overwhelmingly defeated a proposition emanating from Unity Lodge, No. 711, which sought to condemn the installation.

O. B. S. Lodge, No. 1478, offered a proposition which authorized the publication of an Odd Fellows' text book. It was defeated by a vote of 63 nays to 7 yeas.

The following were elected the

S. C. of M. for 1876.

REDMOND FAUCETT, G. M., D. B. BOWSER, G. S.,
W. C. H. CURTIS, D. G. M., ANDREW J. MERCER, C. T.

DIRECTORS.

WM. A. FREEMAN,
B. W. ARNETT,

W. M. T. FORRESTER,
HARRY WILSON.

SEVENTH TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE.

The P. O. of P. G. M.'s held their Seventh Triennial Conference in September, 1875, at Washington, D. C. Ten Councils were represented.

August 9, 1875, W. M. T. Forrester resigned from the Board, and Joseph C. Green was elected to fill the vacancy.

November 8, 1875, Joseph W. Johnson was elected to fill the position of D. G. M., vice J. Emory Burr, removed.

LODGE DISPENSATIONS GRANTED IN 1875.

DISPENSATED	NAME OF LODGE	NO	LOCATED
Jan 11, 1875	Good Intent.....	1656	Algiers, La
Jan 11, 1875	New Bethel.....	1657	Norfolk Co. Va
Jan 11, 1875	Mt. Calvary.....	1658	Bowling Green, Ky
Jan 11, 1875	St. Peter.....	1659	Shelbyville, Ky
Feb 8, 1875	Benevolent of Currituck.....	1660	Currituck, N. C
Feb 8, 1875	Benj. Lundy ..	1661	Cincinnati, Ohio
Feb 8, 1875	R. Star of Bethlehem.....	1662	Hampton, Va
Feb 8, 1875	Myrtle.....	1663	Savannah, Ga
Feb 8, 1875	Star of Leesburg.....	1664	Leesburg, Va
Feb 8, 1875	Twilight	1665	Amherstburg, Ont
Mar 8, 1875	Friendly Brothers.....	1666	Nashville, Tenn
Mar 8, 1875	Egypt.....	1667	Cairo, Ill
Mar 8, 1875	Grand Noble.....	1668	Havana, N. Y

LODGE DISPENSATIONS GRANTED IN 1875—CON- CLUDED.

DISPENSATED.	NAME OF LODGE.	NO.	LOCATION.
Mar 8, 1875	Franklin.....	1669	Franklin, Ky
Mar 8, 1875	Mount Zion.....	1670	Brooklyn, N. Y
April 12, 1875	Russellville.....	1671	Bussellville, Ky
April 12, 1875	David's Temple.....	1672	Mobile, Ala
April 12, 1875	Loving Brothers.....	1673	Deep Creek, Va
April 12, 1875	Eastern Light.....	1674	West Point, Va
April 12, 1875	Sons of Salem.....	1675	Salem, Va
April 12, 1875	Beer Sheba.....	1676	Hartford, N. C
April 12, 1875	Blue Grass.....	1677	Harrodsburg, Ky
May 10, 1875	St. Marks.....	1678	Jersey City, N. J
May 10, 1875	Pride of Jefferson.....	1679	New Orleans, La
May 10, 1875	Golden Star.....	1680	Fayetteville, N. C
June 14, 1875	Hesperian.....	1681	Western Branch, Va
July 12, 1875	Kadesh Barnea.....	1682	Newark, Del
July 12, 1875	U. Star of Bethlehem.....	1683	Augusta, Ga
July 12, 1875	Oriental.....	1684	Jersey City, N. J
July 12, 1875	Gay Flower.....	1685	Mount Vernon, Ind
July 12, 1875	Boaz.....	1686	Augusta, Ga
July 12, 1875	Rising Moon.....	1687	Jamesville, N. C
July 12, 1875	Stone Square.....	1688	Washington, D. C
Aug 9, 1875	Friend of Wilberforce.....	1689	Portsmouth, Ohio
Aug 9, 1875	Hopkinsville.....	1690	Hopkinsville, Ky
Aug 9, 1875	Pride of the South.....	1691	Edenton, N. C
Aug 9, 1875	Key of the West.....	1692	Memphis, Tenn
Sept 13, 1875	Farmers.....	1693	Simpsonville, Ky
Sept 13, 1875	Anchor.....	1694	Nashville, Tenn
Sept 13, 1875	Old Ark... ..	1695	Washington, D. C
Sept 13, 1875	St. Agnes.....	1696	Key West, Fla
Sept 13, 1875	Bourbon Star.....	1697	Paris, Ky
Sept 13, 1875	Brilliant Star.....	1698	Baltimore, Md
Sept 13, 1875	Band of Brothers.....	1699	Windsor, N. C
Nov 8, 1875	Hopewell.....	1700	Falls Church, Va
Nov 8, 1875	Tennessee.....	1701	Columbia, Tenn
Nov 8, 1875	Vanderburg.....	1702	Evansville, Ind
Nov 8, 1875	Charles Avery.....	1703	Greensburg, Pa
Nov 8, 1875	West Hill.....	1704	Lynchburg, Va
Nov 8, 1875	Cassiopeia.....	1705	Marietta, Pa
Nov 8, 1875	St. Raphael.....	1706	Key West, Fla
Nov 8, 1875	Gerritt Smith.....	1707	Indianapolis, Ind
Nov 8, 1875	Star Light.....	1708	East Camden, N. J
Nov 8, 1875	Cartersville.....	1709	Cartersville, Ga
Dec 13, 1875	Lockland.....	1710	Lockland, Ohio
Dec 13, 1875	Hebron.....	1711	Clarksville, Tenn
Dec 13, 1875	Bright American.....	1712	Danville, Va
Dec 13, 1875	Emanuel.....	1713	Charleston, S. C
Dec 13, 1875	Social Friendship.....	1714	Christiana, Pa
Dec 13, 1875	Gideon.....	1715	Philadelphia, Pa
Dec 27, 1875	Queen City.....	1716	Cumberland, Md
Dec 27, 1875	Pilgrim Rock.....	1717	Memphis, Tenn
Dec 27, 1875	Bee Hive.....	1718	Newark, Ohio

WARRANTS FOR HOUSEHOLDS OF RUTH.

DATE	Σ	LOCATED	DATE	Σ	LOCATED
Jan 11, 1875	45	Philadelphia, Pa	June 14, 1875	61	Hamilton, Bermuda
Jan 11, 1875	46	Darby, Pa	July 2, 1875	62	Manchester, Va
Jan 11, 1875	47	East St. Louis, Ill	July 2, 1875	63	Madisonville, Ky
Jan 11, 1875	48	Paducah, Ky	July 2, 1875	64	New Albany, Ind
Feb 8, 1875	49	Baltimore, Md	July 12, 1875	65	Baltimore, Md
Feb 8, 1875	50	St. Louis, Mo	Sept 13, 1875	66	Boston, Mass
Feb 8, 1875	51	Portsmouth, Va	Sept 13, 1875	67	Jeffersonville, Ind
Feb 8, 1875	52	New Haven, Conn	Sept 13, 1875	68	Springfield, Mass
Feb 8, 1875	53	Baltimore, Md	Sept 13, 1875	69	Snow Hill, N. J
Mar 8, 1875	54	Chambersburg, Pa	Sept 13, 1875	70	Memphis, Tenn
Apr 12, 1875	55	Baltimore, Md	Sept 13, 1875	71	Petersburg, Va
May 10, 1875	56	Allegheny, Pa	Nov 8, 1875	72	New Albany, Ind
May 10, 1875	57	Lexington, Ky	Nov 8, 1875	73	Frostburg, Md
June 14, 1875	58	Baltimore, Md	Nov 8, 1875	74	Warrenton, Va
June 14, 1875	59	Danville, Ky	Dec 13, 1875	75	Henderson, Ky
June 14, 1875	60	Louisville, Ky			

PAST GRAND MASTERS' COUNCIL WARRANTS.

Nov 8, 1875 Warrant No. 27, Brooklyn, N. Y.



CHAPTER XXXV.

THE THIRTY-THIRD SUB-COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT, 1876.

Fifty-two lodges, sixteen Households and five P. G. M. Councils were granted authority to operate under the S. C. of M. during the year.

August 14, Wm. Thompson Lodge, 1507, at New Orleans, La., petitioned for permission to change its title to "Emblem of Progress." Granted.

THE THIRTY-FIRST A. M. C., 1876.

Convened on the third day of October, at Memphis, Tenn. Fifty-three delegates were present. The convention adopted a proposition to increase the Grand Secretary's salary to \$100 per month. One other important proposition was adopted.

The question of allowing a member of the S. C. of M. to sit as a delegate in the A. M. C. came up again, and Grand Master Redmond Faucett made the following important ruling, which was regarded as a part of our general laws until 1890:

GRAND MASTER'S DECISION ON ADMITTANCE OF DELEGATE FROM LODGE, NO. 891.

Committee on Credentials reported, declaring delegate from Lodge 891 disqualified from a seat in A. M. C., on the grounds of his being a member of S. C. of M. The report of the Committee was based upon previous action of A. M. C., held at Baltimore, 1865, when P. G. M. Jos. C. Green was denied a seat for similar reasons. A resolution was offered that the delegate should be admitted, because that the action of said A. M. C. was simply a resolution, and therefore, only binding upon that body. Considerable discussion was had for and against, when P. G. M. Bro. Jas. H. Lewis called the attention of the chair, then occupied by G. M. Faucett, to the action of the A. M. C. held at Georgetown, D C., in 1873, at which time Phoenix Lodge 894, of Philadelphia, introduced a proposition:

"That any lodge may elect a delegate who is a member of the S. C. of M. to represent his lodge at the A. M. C. any rule to prevent the same to be rescinded."

On the consideration of said proposition, the A. M. C. voted eight (8) in favor of, and eighty-one (81) against, there being eighty-nine (89) delegates present and voting. The proposition was therefore, lost.



M. V. P., J. C. ASBURY,
Editor ODD FELLOWS JOURNAL.

The G. M., Faucett, desired to see the report, which was given to him, and he called the attention of the A. M. C. to said action. He gave brethren latitude to express themselves, but told them that the effect of the proposition could only be nullified by action of a proposition. After much time was spent, the G. M. declared that he would give his decision, but before doing so he would preface the same. He stated that upon the resolution he could see, as a matter of justice, that a lodge had a perfect right to send any of its members to represent it in the convention, though as a matter of propriety, he doubted its fitness.

The G. M. called the notice of the A. M. C. to remarks made concerning rings in Philadelphia, and to his introduction the suggestion of choosing brethren from various parts of the country to make the Board of Directors; but, said he, the steps which might have been taken by this A. M. C. might have culminated into the formation of the most fearful and corrupt ring that we can well conceive of. All the moneys and interests passes through their hands, and is done by the S. C. of M. For an entire year they have perfect immunity to fix and arrange plans to injure and destroy the Order, spend its moneys, and then all they have to do is to have themselves elected delegates from the lodges, and bring to bear their concerted influences upon the A. M. C., and thus hide and cover up their misdoings. The G. M. thanked God for the action of A. M. C. of 1873, and thanked Brother Lewis, of Terry Lodge, for having called his attention to the law, for the Order has had a narrow escape from a vortex—a whirlpool—which eventually might have destroyed it. And now, in view of the action of the A. M. C. of 1873, on proposition from Phoenix Lodge, 894, of Philadelphia, we declare the resolution offered to admit delegate from Lodge 891, out of order; and so we rule.

In July, 1886, Ex-Grand Master Edward Sewell, Esq., of England, paid a visit to America, and brought with him the fraternal greetings of our brethren on the other side of the Atlantic.

Grand Master Faucett, in his annual address made the following allusion to this distinguished visitor:

We stated in the early stage of our remarks, that this year had been very eventful in the history of our Order. One of such events was the visit paid to the Order and S. C. of M. by Ex-Grand Master Edward Sewell, Esq., of the Committee of Management, Leeds, England. This most worthy gentleman and brother was with us during a part of the month of the past July. His visit, though doubtless satisfactory to himself, was not altogether so to the S. C. of M., and we exceedingly regret that more attention and a more striking demonstration was not shown him. In view of the fact that various bodies in England sent hearty greetings of Friendship and Love to the Order in America, the S. C. of M. ordered similar testimonials, reciprocating in character, to be sent to them again. Ex-G. M. presented each member of the S. C. of M. with a photographic picture of himself, and desired to have a picture of each of the brethren comprising the S. C. of M. Ex-G. M. Sewell also stated to the S. C. of M. that it would give much pleasure

to the Committee of Management to have the photographs of the S. C. of M., and present that Body with pictures of the Committee of Management. The S. C. of M., desiring to reciprocate the gracious and brotherly presents of C. M., and Ex-G. M. Sewell, had pictures taken, a copy of which was sent to C. M. by Brother Sewell, and another given to that gentleman; as a sufficient number of copies at a slight increase of cost could be had, the members of the S. C. of M. interchanged pictures with each other, and had a copy placed in the room of the Committee at Philadelphia, commemorative of this most pleasing event. The S. C. of M. gave a collation in honor of the distinguished brother, to which several of the past officers of S. C. of M. were present.

The visit altogether was a source of joy and pleasure, and will, no doubt, more strongly cement the tie already existing with the mother country.

GREETINGS.

From the Committee of Management and Brotherhood of the G U. O. of O. F., England, to the Sub-Committee of Management and Brethren of America, presented by Ex-G. Master Bro. E. Sewell, M. A., F. R., G. S., etc.

To the Grand Master, Sub-Committee of Management, and Brethren of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, of the United States of America and Canada:

We, the officers and members of the York Old Ebor and City Districts, in the city of York, Yorkshire, England, numbering nearly 2,000 members, feel proud of the opportunity that has been given to us of expressing to you, through our well beloved and highly esteemed Ex-G. M. Bro. E. Sewell, M. A., F. R., G. S., etc., our heartfelt gratitude and love to all our brethren in the United States of America and Canada, for the noble efforts and unwearied exertions that have been made by them in co-operation with us in establishing and extending the rights and privileges of our Order to all our fellow men across the Atlantic, and we feel sure that you will receive our well beloved brother with all the honors that are due to him, in the bonds of Friendship, Love and Truth

He comes to you from us as one of our most able and faithful representatives, having been for many years on the Committee of Management, where his services were highly appreciated.

In his capacity as Parliamentary Agent to the Order, his opinion and ability in dealing with questions of importance, also gave general satisfaction.

At the time he held the high office of Grand Master, he was greatly esteemed for the courteous and impartial manner in which he discharged the duties of his office.

We hope that our representative's visit to you, our dear brethren, may be crowned with success, and that our Order may spread itself like a green bay tree throughout the length and breadth of the whole world, for we believe that there is not a nobler object in the sight of

God and man than where a number of men join themselves together to assist each other in sickness and distress, and relieving the widow in the time of her trouble.

Again we commend our worthy Ex-G. M. Bro. Sewell to you, and wish him God-speed and a safe passage from our shores across the Atlantic to you, and back again to old England.

We are, dear brethren, yours, in the Bonds of the Order, Friendship, Love and Truth,

EDW. E. DAVIES, D. M.

GEORGE WALES, D. M.

W. I. HARRISON, D. D. M.

WM. BROADLEY, D. D. M.

ROBINSON SAMPLE, D. T.

THOMAS PARKINSON, D. T.

JOHN FIELDEN, D. S.

WILLIAM HADDLESAY, D. S.

(Seal)

The Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and Committee of Management, England, sends greeting to the Grand Master, Sub-Committee of Management, and Brethren of the United States:

Our dear brother, E. Sewell, M. A., F. R. G. S., F. G. S., of Ilkley College, Yorkshire, is about to visit your great country, and we desire through him to convey to you our warmest fraternal greeting. At the same time, we desire most earnestly to recommend our dear brother to your fraternal regard and consideration. He has filled the highest offices in our Order in the worthiest manner, and by his unflagging zeal and exertions for our welfare and prosperity, he has caused himself to be held in the highest esteem and admiration throughout the Order. Receive, therefore, our dear brother, as a personal expression to you of our sympathy. We trust our great Order is flourishing in the New World, and that by this visit and interchange of thought and sentiment the bonds of union may be drawn more closely together, so that, though we be widely distant from each other, still we may be one in heart and soul.

Signed, on behalf of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Committee of Management.

(Seal)

WILLIAM LIVESEY, G. S.

The foregoing letters are but samples of a score of similar greetings from nearly every district in England.

The A. M. C. of 1876 elected A. K. Manning, E. C. Johnson and J. H. Hill, Grand Directors. All the principal officers and W. M. T. Forrester were re-elected to constitute the Board of 1877.

LODGE DISPENSATIONS GRANTED IN 1876.

DISPENSATED	NAME OF LODGE	NO	LOCATED
Feb 14, 1876	Star of Louisville.....	1719	Louisville, Ky
Feb 14, 1876	Rural Home.....	1720	Little Rock, Ark
Feb 14, 1876	St. Stephens.....	1721	Dunmore, Bahama
Feb 14, 1876	Centennial.....	1722	Ironton, Ohio
Feb 14, 1876	Mount Hope.....	1723	Nashville, Tenn
Mar 13, 1876	U. Brotherly Love.....	1724	Lincolnton, N. C
Mar 13, 1876	Alma.....	1725	Washington, C. H., Ohio
Mar 13, 1876	Rose Hill.....	1726	Georgetown, D. C
Mar 13, 1876	Vigilant.....	1727	Green Ridge, Va
Mar 13, 1876	Baltimore City.....	1728	Baltimore, Md
April 10, 1876	Earlington.....	1729	Earlington, Ky
April 10, 1876	Woodford Star.....	1730	Versailles, Ky
April 10, 1876	Ark of Safety.....	1731	Clarksville, Tenn
April 10, 1876	Em nence.....	1732	Eminence, Ky
April 10, 1876	Golden Key.....	1733	Newbern, Va
May 8, 1876	Pride of Virginia.....	1734	Zuni, Va
	Midway Pilgrim.....	1745	
May 8, 1876	Green Valley.....	1755	Rectortown, Va
May 8, 1876	Mount Ridgeway.....	1756	Upperville, Va
June 12, 1876	West Union.....	1757	Louisville, Ky
June 12, 1876	Light of Zion.....	1758	Keyser City, W. Va
June 12, 1876	Onega.....	1759	Lincoln, Ill
June 12, 1876	Beth Eden.....	1760	Philadelphia, Pa
July 3, 1876	Belmont.....	1761	Bellaire, Ohio
July 3, 1876	Brooklyn.....	1762	Brooklyn, N. Y
Aug 14, 1876	Gallatin.....	1763	Gallatin, Tenn
Aug 14, 1876	Lewissonian.....	1764	Springfield, Mo
Aug 14, 1876	Perseverance.....	1765	St. Louis, Mo
Aug 14, 1876	Sosthenese.....	1766	Scranton, Pa
Aug 14, 1876	Olive Branch.....	1767	Albany, N. Y
Aug 14, 1876	ntegrity.....	1768	Worcester, Mass
Aug 14, 1876	Jessamine.....	1769	Nicholasville, Ky
Aug 14, 1876	Star Banner.....	1770	Lexington, Ky
Aug 14, 1876	Benjamin.....	1771	Urbana, Ohio
Aug 14, 1876	Progressive.....	1772	Indian Creek, Va
Aug 14, 1876	U. S. of Townsontown.....	1773	Towsontown, Md
Aug 14, 1876	Good Will.....	1774	Huntington, W. Va
Sept 11, 1876	Mayfield.....	1775	Mayfield, Ky
Sept 11, 1876	Sylvan City.....	1776	Edgefield, Tenn
Sept 11, 1876	E. Star of Tennessee.....	1777	Chattanooga, Tenn
Sept 11, 1876	St. Bartholomew.....	1778	Nassau, Bahama
Nov 13, 1876	Princeton.....	179	Princeton, Ky
Nov 13, 1876	Chas Sumner.....	1780	Lancaster, Ky
Nov 13, 1876	Star of the East.....	1781	Galena, Md
Dec 11, 1876	Corinthian.....	1782	Pine Bluff, Ark
Dec 11, 1876	Young Men's Pride.....	1783	Paducah, Ky
Dec 11, 1876	Glasgow.....	1784	Glasgow, Ky
Dec 11, 1876	Logan.....	1785	Russellville, Ky
Dec 11, 1876	Friendly Brothers.....	1786	Goldsboro, N. C
Dec 11, 1879	Sons of Enterprise.....	1787	Kansas City, Mo
Dec 11, 1876	Amity.....	1788	Cambridge, Ohio

LODGE DISPENSATIONS GRANTED IN 1876—CON- CLUDED.

DISPENSATED	NAME OF LODGE	NO	LOCATED
Dec 1, 1876	American	1789	Richmond, Va
Dec 11, 1876	Star of Hope.....	1790	Diddleville, N. C

WARRANTS FOR HOUSEHOLDS OF RUTH.

DATE	N	LOCATED	DATE	N	LOCATED
Feb 14, 1876	76	Bowling Green, Ky	June 12, 1876	86	Washington, D. C
Feb 14, 1876	77	Baltimore, Md	June 12, 1876	87	Clarksville, Tenn
Feb 14, 1876	78	Elizabethtown, Ky	July 3, 1876	88	Smithfield, W. Va.
Feb 14, 1876	79	Staunton, Va	Aug 14, 1876	89	Falls Church, Va
Feb 14, 1876	80	Uniontown, Pa	Nov 13, 1876	90	Eminence, Ky
Feb 14, 1876	81	W. Philadelphia, Pa	Dec 12, 1876	91	Mobile, Ala
April 10, 1876	82	Nashville, Tenn	Dec 12, 1877	92	Cincinnati, O
May 8, 1876	83	Vicksburg, Miss	Dec 12, 1876	93	Cincinnati, O
May 8, 1876	84	Camden, N. J			

PAST GRAND MASTERS' COUNCIL WARRANTS.

DATE	NO	LOCATED
Mar 13, 1876	Warrant 28.....	Memphis, Tenn
Mar 13, 1876	Warrant 29.....	Jeffersonville, Ind
Mar 13, 1879	Warrant 30.....	New Orleans, La
Sept 27, 1876	Warrant 31.....	Worcester, Mass
Nov 13, 1876	Warrant 32.....	Indianapolis, Ind.
Dec 11, 1876	Warrant 33.....	New Albany, Ind

CHAPTER XXXVI.

THE THIRTY-FOURTH SUB-COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT, 1877.

Forty-six dispensations were granted to open new lodges; also sixteen Households; two P. G. M. Councils, and four Patriarchy warrants were granted.

February 12, a dispensation was granted to open San Manuel Lodge, 1794. This lodge is composed entirely of brethren who speak the Spanish language.

The rituals have been translated into that language for the benefit of lodges in San Domingo and Cuba.

THE THIRTY-SECOND A. M. C., 1877.

Met at New Orleans, La., October 2, with delegates from 36 lodges.

Grand Master Faucett in his Annual Address recommended that none but patriarchs be elected members of the S. C. of M. He also recommended the formation of a junior branch of the Order. This was not approved.

At this meeting the G. M. ruled that only members of the highest branch were eligible to membership on the S. C. of M., but the convention disagreed with him, and adopted a proposition declaring P. G. M.'s to be eligible.

Bro. Dawson, of 1878, offered the following series of resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That the S. C. of M. of the G. U. O. of O. F. in America, be, and the same are hereby instructed to immediately proceed to procure all the A. M. C. reports, from the first held in America, up to the present time; and also to proceed to procure and compile a complete and thorough history of the Order, from its organization in this country; and the exact status of the same as to our relations with the G. U. O. of O. F. of England, and they are hereby instructed to report their action to the next A. M. C., and they are authorized to secure a person or persons to make the same, if necessary.

The above resolution was adopted seventeen years before the first history appeared.

The sessions closed by selecting the

S. C. of M. for 1878.

REDMOND FAUCETT, G. M., W. C. H. CURTIS, D. G. M.,
A. J. MERCER, G. T., D. B. BOWSER, G. S.,

DIRECTORS.

T. MORRIS CHESTER, A. K. MANNING,
W. H. WARD, E. C. JOHNSON.

LODGE DISPENSATIONS GRANTED IN 1877.

DISPENSATED	NAME OF LODGE	NO	LOCATED
Jan 8, 1877	Custer	1791	Jackson, Tenn
Feb 12, 1877	Spring Branch.....	1792	Paris, Ind
Feb 12, 1877	Garden Valley.....	1793	Lebanon, O
Feb 12, 1877	San Manuel..	1794	New York City, N. Y
Mar 12, 1877	Decora	1795	Louisville, Ky
Mar 12, 1877	Ebony	1796	Little Rock, Ark
Mar 12, 1877	Hot Springs.....	1797	Hot Springs, Ark
Mar 12, 1877	Tuscan.....	1798	Edwardsville, Ill
April 9, 1877	Pride of Mississippi.....	1799	Edwards, Miss
April 9, 1877	Rising Hope.....	1800	Flemington, N. C
April 9, 1877	South River.....	1801	Waynesboro, Va
May 14, 1877	Noon Day.....	1802	Dyersburg, Tenn
May 14, 1877	Silver Moon.....	1803	Knoxville, Tenn
May 14, 1877	Assistance	1804	Tanner's Creek, Va
June 11, 1877	Palestine	1805	St. Louis, Mo
June 11, 1877	P. P. Bliss.....	1806	Selma, Ala
June 11, 1877	Clark's Chapple.....	1807	Thomas, Md
June 11, 1877	Illinois Star.....	1808	Metropolis, Ill
July 9, 1877	Free Will.....	1809	Watson, Ind
July 9, 1877	Orange	1810	Orange, N. J
June 11, 1877	Hygiea	1811	Gloucester, Va
Aug 13, 1877	Yorkshire.....	1812	Memphis, Tenn
Aug 13, 1877	Harrison	1813	Cynthiana, Ky
Aug 13, 1877	Orange.....	1814	Tallahassee, Fla
Sept 10, 1877	Flooding Spring	1815	Georgetown, Ky
Sept 10, 1877	Bengal	1816	Uniontown, Ky
Sept 10, 1877	Lorain	1817	Elyria, O
Sept 10, 1877	Star of the Morning.....	1818	Quincy, Ill
Sept 10, 1877	Social	1819	Washington, D. C
Nov 12, 1877	Star of the East.....	1820	Norfolk, Va
Nov 12, 1877	Friendship	1821	Tarboro, N. C
Nov 12, 1877	Murfreesboro.....	1822	Murfreesboro, Tenn
Nov 12, 1877	Toussaint	1823	Xenia, O
Nov 12, 1877	Lincoln Monument.....	1824	Springfield, Ill.
Nov 12, 1877	Prarie City.....	1825	Paris, Ill

LODGE DISPENSATIONS GRANTED IN 1877—CONCLUDED.

DISPENSATED	NAME OF LODGE	NO	LOCATED
Nov 12, 1877	Pride of Natchez.....	1826	Natchez, Miss
Nov 12, 1877	Oak Hall.....	1827	Shepardstown, W. Va
Nov 12, 1877	Mt. Erion.....	1828	Richmond, Va
Nov 12, 1877	Pilgrim's Rest.....	1829	Memphis, Tenn
Nov 12, 1877	Rising Sun.....	1830	Madison, N. J
Nov 12, 1877	Rose of Kanawha.....	1831	Point Pleasant, W. Va
Dec 10, 1877	Travelers Rest.....	1832	West Point, Miss
Dec 10, 1877	Sons of Staunton.....	1833	Staunton, Va
Dec 10, 1877	Weybossett.....	1834	Providence, R. I
Dec 10, 1877	Day Star.....	1835	Shelby, N. C
Dec 10, 1877	Progresso.....	1836	Key West, Fla

WARRANTS FOR HOUSEHOLDS OF RUTH.

DATE	NO	LOCATED	DATE	NO	LOCATED
Feb 12, 1877	94	Jacksonville, Fla	July 9, 1877	102	Clarksville, Tenn
Feb 12, 1877	95	Columbia, Tenn	Sept 10, 1877	103	Knoxville, Tenn
Mar 12, 1877	96	Covington, Ky	Sept 10, 1877	104	Middleport, Ohio
April 9, 1877	97	Montgomery, Ala	Nov 12, 1877	105	Cambridge, Mass
April 9, 1877	98	Little Rock, Ark	Nov 12, 1877	106	Plymouth, N. C
June 11, 1877	99	Nassau, W. I	Dec 10, 1877	107	Bloomfield, Ky
June 11, 1877	100	Norfolk, Va.	Dec 10, 1877	108	Cairo, Ill
June 11, 1877	101	Hannibal, Mo	Dec 10, 1877	109	Clarksville, Tenn

PAST GRAND MASTERS' COUNCIL WARRANTS.

DATE	NO	LOCATED
April 9, 1877	Warrant 34.....	Nashville, Tenn
April 9, 1877	Warrant 35.....	Annapolis, Md

PATRIARCHIE WARRANTS GRANTED.

DATE	NO	LOCATED
Feb 12, 1877	Warrant 3.....	Petersburg, Va
May 14, 1877	Warrant 4.....	Boston, Mass
June 11, 1877	Warrant 5.....	Harrisburg, Pa
Nov 12, 1877	Warrant 6.....	Richmond, Va

CHAPTER XXXVII.

THE THIRTY-FIFTH SUB-COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT, 1878.

Dispensations for sixty-two new Lodges, twenty-three Households, seven Councils, and three Patriarchies were granted by this Board.

THE THIRTY-THIRD A. M. C., 1878.

Convened at Odd Fellow's Hall in Chicago, Ill., December 3. Eighty-four delegates presented credentials.

Grand Master Faucett in his address announced the death of Ex-G.T., Henry Gordon, which had occurred since the last A. M. C., also the suspension of Harateins Lodge, 1502, Baltimore, Md. and the re-opening of the same by loyal members under the style, "Pride of Maryland." He explained the cause of the postponement of this meeting which was owing to the prevalence of yellow fever in the South. He spoke in great praise of Grand Secretary Bowser, who had of his own volition and influence succeeded in persuading the Financial Board of Philadelphia to donate \$3,000 for the relief of the suffering colored people in the fever-stricken cities—New Orleans, Memphis and Vicksburg. The Grand Master recommended the establishment of a Mutual Aid Fund, and in speaking of the lack of fraternal literature, he said: "Unfortunately for us we have no literature among us, though we have men and women of brain and culture. No newspaper organ nor magazine is ours, and therefore we fail to accomplish much of the good we might otherwise. We must be aggressive. Our men and women must be incited to read, to think and to write. We must be in practice and in influence that which we are in truth, the leading organization among our people."

Several important changes were made in the General Laws at this session. Gen. T. Morris Chester, a Grand Director, delivered the Annual Oration. The following letter was received and read to the A. M. C.:

Committee Room 24,
Devonshire Street, Oxford Street,
Chorlton on Medlock.
Manchester, November 19, 1878.

Dear Brother Bowser:

Your favor of the 5th inst. duly to hand yesterday, and in keeping with my last, I have great pleasure to enclose bank draft as before for £150, making £300, and I expect making a further remittance. Our G. M. and C. of M. are delighted at the hearty and cheerful voluntary response of our brethren, and respectfully request your highly esteemed G. Master will at your coming A. M. C. convey to the representatives of the fever stricken districts our deep sympathy and sincere condolence during their heavy affliction and dark cloud of sorrow, beyond which we look with confidence that the G. U. O. of O. F., will be spared to exist, and its usefulness prove worthy our united efforts.

Dear Bro. Bowser, as the humble medium of communication between the different branches of our time-honored institution, I feel it would be ungrateful to the donors if I again omit to inform you of the numerous and varied kind expressions of sympathy and condolence toward our suffering brethren, which I have no doubt will be fully appreciated.

Respecting your little token of respect from Oldham, they will be delighted to know it has arrived safe and met your acceptance. I shall take the earliest opportunity to acquaint them of your kind and brotherly expressions of gratitude and love.

On receipt kindly drop me a line. The cheque is to hand.

The G. M. and C. M. send their best wishes and most fraternal greetings to the Representatives of your A. M. C. With a sincere prayer that this labor of love may produce lasting benefits to our beloved and honored Order.

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

W. LIVESEY, G. S.

• S. C. of M. for 1879.

REDMOND FAUCETT, G. M., ROBERT JONES G. T.,
SOLOMON TAYLOR, D. G. M., D. B. BOWSER, G. S.

GRAND DIRECTORS.

DAVID H. CROSBY, WM. A. FREEMAN,
E. H. HOLMES, T. MORRIS CHESTER.

TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE.

The Eighth Triennial Conference of the P. O. of P. G. M.'s met in Richmond, Va., September 25, 1878.

Twelve representatives were present.

THE FIRST GRAND CONVOCATION,

Of the Patriarchies was held in Chicago, Ill., Dec. 7, 1878.
Ten Patriarchs representing six Patriarchies were present.

LODGE DISPENSATIONS GRANTED IN 1878.

DISPENSATED	NAME OF LODGE	NO	LOCATED
Jan 14, 1878	Mordecai	1837	McMinnville, Tenn
Jan 14, 1878	Ionic	1838	Watson, Ill
Jan 14, 1878	Good Hope	1839	Camden C. H., N. C
Jan 14, 1878	Rocky Mount	1840	Rocky Mount, N. C
Jan 14, 1878	Cape Fear	1841	Smithville, N. C
Jan 14, 1878	Golden Fountain	1842	La Grange, Ky
Jan 14, 1878	Perry	1843	Perry, Ga
Feb 11, 1878	Pedestal Brotherhood	1844	Vicksburg, Miss
Feb 11, 1878	Lafayette	1857	Broadway, Va
Feb 11, 1878	St. John's Union	1858	Mechanicsburg, Pa
Mar 11, 1878	Reliance	1859	Keokuk, Iowa
Mar 11, 1878	Prudent	1860	Chesapeake City, Md
Mar 11, 1878	Pride of the West	1861	Litchfield, Ky
Mar 11, 1878	Freedom's Glory	1862	Wytheville, Va
Mar 11, 1878	Scientific	1863	Lexington, Ky
April 8, 1878	Cedar of Lebanon	1864	New York City, N. Y
April 8, 1878	Mount Bridges	1865	Hamilton, Canada
April 8, 1878	Doric	1866	Belleville, Ill
April 8, 1878	Dallas	1867	Dallas, N. C
May 13, 1878	St. Augustine	1868	St. Charles, Ky
May 13, 1878	Silver Lake	1869	New Providence, Tenn
May 13, 1878	White Lily	1870	Gallipolis, O
May 13, 1878	Farmer's Hope	1871	Black Bottom, Ill
May 13, 1878	Morning Sun	1872	St. Clairsville, O
May 13, 1878	Free Sons	1873	Hartford, Ky
May 13, 1878	Altogether	1874	Goose Creek, Ky
June 10, 1878	Star of Clarksburg	1875	Clarksburg, Va
June 10, 1878	Richard Allen	1876	Columbus, S. C
June 10, 1878	Ohio Valley	1877	Wilmington, O
June 10, 1878	Eagle	1878	Chester, Pa
July 8, 1878	Chicot	1879	Lake Village, Ark
July 8, 1878	Guiding Star	1880	Zanesville, O
July 8, 1878	Resolution	1881	Fayette, Mo
July 8, 1878	Southampton	1882	Southampton, Va
Aug 12, 1878	Cincinnati	1883	Cincinnati, O
Aug 12, 1878	Armour	1884	Savannah, Ga
Aug 12, 1878	N. Louisiana Star	1885	Shreveport, La
Aug 12, 1878	Bright Jewel	1886	Fanisburg, N. C
Aug 12, 1878	Golden Hill	1887	Ansonville, N. C
Aug 12, 1878	Humboldt	1888	Humboldt, Tenn
Aug 12, 1878	Beacon	1889	Baltimore, Md
Sept 9, 1878	Golden Hill	1890	Hamilton, Va
Sept 9, 1878	Sons of Light	1891	Charleston, S. C

LODGE DISPENSATIONS GRANTED IN 1878—CONCLUDED.

DISPENSATED	NAME OF LODGE	NO	LOCATED
Sept 9, 1878	Orphans' Home.....	1892	Osceola, Ark
Sept 9, 1878	Setting Sun.....	1893	Johnsonville, Tenn
Sept 9, 1878	St. Clair.....	1894	Winfield, Md
Sept 9, 1878	Royal Enterprise.....	1895	Salem, Mass
Sept 9, 1878	Queen of the West.....	1896	Hickory Tvaern, N.C
Sept 9, 1878	Sunny Fountain.....	1897	Culpeper, Va
Sept 9, 1878	Allen.....	1898	Austin Ark
Sept 9, 1878	Thomas.....	1899	Terre Haute, Ind
Oct 14, 1878	Cherubim.....	1900	Brooklyn, N. Y
Oct 14, 1878	Swatara.....	1901	Baldwin, Pa
Oct 14, 1878	Illinois Light of Liberty.....	1902	Bradwood, Ill
Oct 14, 1878	Capital.....	1903	Columbus, Ohio
Oct 14, 1878	Atlantic.....	1904	Atlantic City, N. J
Oct 14, 1878	Ezekiel.....	1905	Chicago, Ill
Nov 11, 1878	Union Fellows.....	1906	Rockhill, S. C
Nov 11, 1878	Mythic.....	1907	Hopkinsville, Ky
Nov 11, 1878	Brilliant Star.....	1908	St. Thomas, W. I
Nov 11, 1878	Anderson.....	1909	Laurenceburg, Ky
Nov 11, 1878	Star of Belpre.....	1910	Belpre, Ohio

WARRANTS FOR HOUSEHOLDS OF RUTH.

DATE	N	LOCATED	DATE	N	LOCATED
Jan 14, 1878	110	Charlotte, N. C	June 10, 1878	122	Hot Springs, Ark
Jan 14, 1878	111	Edgefield, Tenn	July 10, 1878	123	Marietta, Pa
Feb 11, 1878	112	Hopkinsville, Ky	Aug 8, 1878	124	Charleston, S. C
Feb 11, 1878	113	Alexandria, Va	Aug 8, 1878	125	Lancaster, Ky
Feb 11, 1878	114	Lincoln, Ill	Sept 9, 1878	126	Paducah, Ky
Mar 11, 1878	115	Sufflk, Va	Oct 14, 1878	127	Youngstown, Ohio
Mar 11, 1878	116	Raleigh, N. C	Oct 14, 1878	128	Evansville, Ind
May 13, 1878	117	Franklin, Ky	Oct 14, 1878	129	Gallatin, Tenn
May 13, 1878	118	Savannah, Ga	.....	130	None Granted
May 13, 1878	119	Lockland, Ohio	Nov 11, 1878	131	Boston, Mass
May 13, 1878	120	Wilmington, N. C	Nov 11, 1878	132	Columbus, Ga
June 10, 1878	121	Chattanooga, Tenn			

PAST GRAND MASTERS' COUNCIL WARRANTS.

DATE	NO	LOCATED
April 8, 1878	Warrant 36.....	Chattanooga, Tenn
May 13, 1878	Warrant 37.....	Bowling Green, Ky
June 10, 1878	Warrant 38.....	New Haven, Conn

PAST GRAND MASTERS' WARRANTS—CONCLUDED.

DATE	COUNCIL	LOCATED
Aug 12, 1878 Warrant	39.....	Clarksville, Tenn
Aug 12, 1878 Warrant	40.....	Nassau, N. P
Oct 14, 1878 Warrant	41.....	Cambridge, Mass
Nov 11, 1878 Warrant	42.....	Charleston, S C

Patriarchie Warrants Granted.

DATE	NO	LOCATED
Feb 11, 1878 Warrant	7.....	New Orleans, La
June 10, 1878 Warrant	8.....	Cleveland, O
Oct 14, 1878 Warrant	9.....	Baltimore, Md



CHAPTER XXXVIII.

THE THIRTY-SIXTH SUB-COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT, 1879.

This Board granted 109 applications for new lodges; also twenty-eight Households, ten P. G. M. Councils and five Patriarchy warrants.

January 13, the Mother Lodge, of Texas, was granted its dispensation, title: Rose of Sharon, 1915, Bryan, Texas.

On the same date Oleander Lodge, 1921, at Galveston, Texas, was authorized. The Order spread like wild fire in Texas, and to-day that jurisdiction is one of the largest under the S. C. of M.

January 13, the State of Kansas was brought into the mystic circle. The first lodge being: Shawnee, 1923, Topeka, Kansas.

December 8, the links were extended to the Pacific Ocean and fastened to the Golden Gate, 2007, San Francisco, California.

THE THIRTY-FOURTH A. M. C., 1879.

Convened in the State Capitol at Little Rock, Ark., October 7, seventy-four delegates were in attendance. Many changes and amendments were made to the General Laws.

P. N. F., O. P. Ross, of Paducah Lodge, 1445, Paducah, Ky., delivered the annual oration in a masterly style (See 34 A. M. C. reports.)

At this convention Grand Master Faucett delivered his annual address to the public. At the proper time the chairman stated that the hour had arrived for the Grand Master to deliver his annual address, and ordered the Warden to open the galleries of the House of Representatives to the public, and to invite the Governor of the State and his staff to seats upon the floor of the Convention.

The doors were thrown open to the public and the house was crowded with an enthusiastic audience. Gov. W. R. Miller, Jacob Frolich, Secretary of State; John Crawford, Auditor; Gen. T. J. Churchill, Treasurer; Judge Fletcher, and other distinguished guests were present.

There were several propositions to establish State Grand Lodges offered to this meeting, all of which were referred to a committee, viz: Bros. E. B. Cheatham, E. C. Johnson, Chas. H. Marshall, J. G. Heggie and George H. Imes.

This committee made the following report which was adopted by a vote of 55 to 13, and thus it became the

AUTHORITY FOR THE INSTITUTION OF DISTRICT LODGES:

Whereas, We the delegates of the various Subordinate Lodges of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows of America, in convention assembled, at Little Rock, Arkansas, October 7, 8, 9 and 10, 1879, in conformity with our warrant from the C. of M., of England, establishing our Order, empowering us to legislate under the general laws of the Order, for all changes arising from the circumstances governing our existence, which was re-affirmed in a letter dated March 30, 1871, referring to date of Warrant, December 19, 1843, addressed to the G. S. of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, do hereby declare that the time has come when, for the enlargement, perpetuity, unity and harmony of our Order, it has become necessary to divide the Legislative, Judicial and Executive powers, in conformity with the General Laws of the Order, subject to the authority and approval of the C. of M., of England, and the powers of the S. C. of M., of America, do hereby form a national constitution, limiting the powers and functions of all subordinate bodies under it, regulating the Legislative, Judicial and Executive functions of each; and we solemnly command all of said bodies under it to give to it full and complete allegiance.

We recommend that the G. U. O. of O. F. of America be divided into District Lodges; and the S. C. of M. immediately after coming into office, shall as soon as practicable, proceed to organization of the same.

We recommend that a District Lodge shall consist of any State, Territory, Province or Island having three or more Subordinate Lodges, and where such a number does not exist, the lodges therein shall combine with the next nearest State, Territory, Province or Island, and form a District Lodge; but when three exist in a State, Territory or Province, they shall without delay, organize a District Lodge.

We recommend that each Subordinate Lodge in the organization of District Lodges may elect one or more delegates, not exceeding three, who shall be elected at the time and manner of all the General Laws regulating the election of delegates but after the next general meeting of the Order, they shall regulate their own representation from the Subordinate Lodges and judges of the qualifications.

We recommend for the good of the Order, that no delegate should be below the P. N. F. degree.

The A. M. C. elected the following to constitute the S. C. of M. for 1880:

REDMOND FAUCETT, G. M.
W. M. T. FORRESTER, D. G. M.
D. B. BOWSER, G. S.
W. C. H. CURTIS, G. T.

DIRECTORS.

JOHN G. HEGGIE, DAVID WARNER,
GEORGE H. IMES, RICHARD A. DAWSON.

LODGE DISPENSATIONS GRANTED IN 1879.

DISPENSATED	NAME OF LODGE	NO	LOCATED
Jan 13, 1879	Phildelia.....	1911	Mt. Sterling, Ky
Jan 13, 1879	Beauty of Life.....	1912	Vicksburg, Miss
Jan 13, 1879	Pride of Moss Point.....	1913	Moss Point, Miss
Jan 13, 1879	Cedarville.....	1914	Cedarville, Ohio
Jan 13, 1879	Rose of Sharon.....	1915	Bryan, Texas
Jan 13, 1879	Centre Point.....	1916	Asley, Ark
Jan 13, 1879	Atlas.....	1917	Louisiana, Mo
Jan 13, 1879	La Creole.....	1918	New Orleans, La
Jan 13, 1879	Attleboro Eastern.....	1919	East Attleboro, Mass
Jan 13, 1879	Grand Light.....	1820	Burlington, Ohio
Jan 13, 1879	Oleander.....	1921	Galveston, Texas
Jan 13, 1879	Farmers' Home.....	1922	Shoe Heel, N. C
Jan 13, 1879	Shawnee.....	1923	Topeka, Kas
Jan 13, 1879	St. Matthew.....	1924	Lancaster County, Va
Jan 13, 1879	Wandering Star.....	1925	Emporia, Kas
Feb 10, 1879	Southern Enterprise.....	1926	Spartansburg, S. C
Feb 10, 1879	Jackson.....	1927	Jackson, Miss
Feb 10, 1879	Pride of Pensacola.....	1928	Pensacola, Fla
Feb 10, 1879	Jerusalem.....	1929	Jerusalem, Va
Feb 10, 1879	Armenia.....	1930	Savannah, Ga
Mar 10, 1879	Golgotha.....	1031	Augusta, Ark
Mar 10, 1879	Morning Star of Liberty.....	1932	Hempstead Texas
Mar 10, 1879	Lily of the Valley.....	1933	Corsicana, Texas
Mar 10, 1879	Band of Progress.....	1934	Brenham, Texas
Mar 10, 1879	Evans' Enterprise.....	1935	Marherrian, Va
Mar 10, 1879	Sciota.....	1936	Coilocothe, Ohio
Mar 10, 1879	Cleveland.....	1937	Cleveland, Tenn
Mar 10, 1879	East Tennessee.....	1938	Strawberry Pl, E. Tenn
Mar 10, 1879	Sons of Liberty.....	1939	Hearne, Texas
Mar 10, 1879	Dallas Union.....	1940	Dallas, Texas
April 14, 1879	Mont Alto.....	1941	Shippensburg, Pa
April 14, 1879	Lawrence.....	1942	Lawrence, Kas
April 14, 1879	Midway Pilgrim.....	1943	Midway, Ky
April 14, 1879	Matoka.....	1944	Pomeroy, Ohio
April 14, 1879	Queen of the West.....	1945	St. Louis, Mo



EDWARD B. VAN DYKE,
Assistant Grand Secretary, G. U. O. O. F. in America.

LODGE DISPENSATIONS GRANTED IN 1879—CON- CLUDED.

DISPENSATED	NAME OF LODGE	NO	LOCATED
April 14, 1879	United Sons of Liberty.....	1946	Houston, Texas
April 14, 1879	Duck River.....	1947	Murfreesboro, Tenn
April 14, 1879	Maysville Star.....	1 48	Maysville, Ky
April 14, 1879	Doric Pride.....	1949	Duquoin, Ill
April 14, 1879	Band of Brethren.....	1950	Yorktown, Va
April 14, 1879	Pride of Thibodauxville.....	1951	Thibodaux, La
April 14, 1879	Light of Nelsonville.....	1952	Nelsonville, Ohio
April 14, 1879	Eudora.....	1953	Summit, Miss
Oct 27, 188	Surry.....	1954	Kingston, Jamaica, W. I
Oct 27, 1880	Occidental.....	1955	Antigua, W. I
Oct 27, 1880	Antigua.....	1956	Antigua, W. I
May 12, 1879	Ragusa.....	1957	Waco, Texas
May 12, 1879	Gold Lace.....	1958	Bolton, Miss
May 12, 1879	Monrovia.....	1959	Charleston, S. C
May 12, 1879	Jessamin Sunshine.....	1960	Keene, Ky
May 12, 1879	Seven Stars.....	1961	North Landing, Va
June 10, 1879	Star of Bethel.....	1962	Lancaster, S. C
June 10, 1879	Farlay.....	1963	Edinburg, Ind
June 10, 1879	Pride of Iberville.....	1964	Plaquemine, La
June 10, 1879	Union Light.....	1965	Georgetown, D. C.
June 10, 1879	Cole Hill.....	1966	Cole Hill, Ark
July 14, 1879	Star of Bladen.....	1967	Clarkton, N. C
July 14, 1879	Albion.....	1968	McCalmont, Ark
July 14, 1879	New Carthage.....	1969	Athens, Ohio
July 14, 1879	Rock of Ages.....	1970	Princes Anne, Md
July 14, 1879	Israel.....	1971	New Orleans, La
July 14, 1879	Pride of Hope.....	1972	Evansville, Ind
July 14, 1879	Appomatox.....	1973	Bermuda Hundreds, Va
Aug 11, 1879	International.....	1974	Pal'estine, Texas
Aug 11, 1879	United Sons of Mississippi.....	1975	Durant, Miss
Aug 11, 1879	David and Jonathan's Love.....	1976	Aberdeen, Miss
Aug 11, 1879	Yellow Springs.....	1979	Yellow Springs, Ohio
Aug 11, 1879	Buena Vista.....	1980	Gettysburg, Pa
Aug 11, 1879	Pride of Jonathan.....	1981	Shelbyville, Ind
Sept 8, 1879	Owensboro.....	1982	Owensboro, Ky
Sept 8, 1879	Willing Workers.....	1983	Woodbury, N. J
Sept 8, 1879	Star of Granada.....	1984	Grenada, Miss
Sept 8, 1879	Pride of Life.....	1985	Canton, Miss
Sept 8, 1879	Canton.....	1986	Canton, Miss
Nov 10, 1879	O. P. Morton.....	1987	Indianapolis, Ind
Nov 10, 1879	Mountain View.....	1988	Flint Hill, Va
Nov 10, 1879	Anna Armada.....	1989	Apalachicola, Fla
Nov 10, 1879	Magnolia.....	1990	New Orleans, La
Nov 10, 1879	Venus.....	1991	Griffin, Ga
Nov 10, 1879	Tippecanoe.....	1992	Lafayette, Ind
Nov 10, 1879	Bethesda.....	1993	Fredricksburg, Va
Nov 10, 1879	Henrico.....	1994	Henrico, Va
Nov 10, 1879	Xenophon.....	1995	Chattanooga, Tenn
Nov 10, 1879	Gate City.....	1996	Dennison, Texas

LODGE DISPENSATIONS GRANTED IN 1879—CON- CLUDED.

DATE	NO	GRANTED TO	LOCATED
Nov 10, 1879	Longview.....	1997	Longview, Texas
Nov 10, 1879	La luz de Cuba.....	1998	Cuba, W. I
Nov 10, 1879	Prodigal Sons.....	1999	Greensboro, N. C
Nov 10, 1879	Golden Circle.....	2000	Fort Mill, N. C
Nov 10, 1879	Texas Central.....	2001	Calvert, Texas
Nov 10, 1879	Silver Link.....	2002	Yorkville, S. C
Nov 10, 1879	White Marsh.....	2003	White Marsh, N. C
Nov 10, 1879	Queen of Texas.....	2004	Beaumont, Texas
Dec 8, 1879	Light of Nanticoke.....	2005	Nanticoke, Md
Dec 8, 1879	Onward.....	2006	St. Charles, Mo
Dec 8, 1879	Golden Gate.....	2007	San Francisco, Cal
Dec 8, 1879	Brandon.....	2008	Brandon, Miss
Dec 8, 1879	Wartrace.....	2029	Waitrace, Tenn
Dec 8, 1879	Assumption.....	2030	Assumption, La
Dec 8, 1879	Wm. Lloyd Garrison.....	2031	Jacksonville, Fla
Dec 8, 1879	Shamariah.....	2032	Forsyth, Ga
Dec 8, 1879	Oceola.....	2033	Washington, D. C
Dec 8, 1879	Exodus.....	2034	Topeka, Kas
Dec 8, 1879	Miami Valley.....	2035	Franklin, Ohio
Dec 8, 1879	Charleston.....	2036	Charleston, N. C
Dec 8, 1879	Dardannelle.....	2037	Dardannelle, Ark
Dec 8, 1879	Paris.....	2038	Paris, Ark
Dec 8, 1879	Borden.....	2039	Black Station, S. C
Dec 8, 1879	Brinkley.....	2040	Brinkley, Ark
Dec 8, 1879	Crawford.....	2041	Van Buren, Ark

WARRANTS FOR HOUSEHOLDS OF RUTH.

DATE	NO	LOCATED	DATE	NO	LOCATED
Jan 13, 1879	133	Springfield, O	Aug 11, 1879	147	Enfaula, Ala
Jan 13, 1879	134	Philadelphia, Pa	Aug 11, 1879	148	Baltimore, Md
Jan 13, 1879	135	Williamsport, Pa	Sept 8, 1879	149	Hagerstown, Md
Jan 13, 1879	136	Deleware, O	Sept 8, 1879	150	Wheeling, W. Va
Jan 13, 1879	137	Brooklyn, N. Y	Nov 10, 1879	151	New York, N. Y
Feb 10, 1879	138	Lebanon, O	Nov 10, 1879	152	Ironton, O
Feb 10, 1879	139	Columbus, S. C	Dec 8, 1879	153	Chicago, Ill
Mar 10, 1879	140	Little Rock, Ark	Dec 8, 1879	154	Newbern, N. C
Mar 10, 1879	141	Versailles, Ky	Dec 8, 1879	155	Clarksb'g, W. Va
April 14, 1879	142	Watson, Ind	Dec 8, 1879	156	Terre Haute, Ind
April 14, 1879	143	Charlest'n, W. Va	Dec 8, 1879	157	St. Louis, Mo
June 10, 1879	144	Portsmouth, O	Dec 8, 1879	158	Austin, Ark
July 14, 1879	145	Hampton, Va	Dec 8, 1879	159	Murfreesb'o, Ten
July 14, 1879	146	Mont Clair, N. J	Dec 8, 1879	160	Kansas City, Mo

PAST GRAND MASTERS' COUNCIL WARRANTS.

DATE	NO	LOCATED
Jan 13, 1879 Warrant	43.....	Springfield, O
Jan 13, 1879 Warrant	44.....	Georgetown, D. C
Feb 10, 1879 Warrant	45.....	Little Rock, Ark
Mar 10, 1879 Warrant	46.....	Mont Clair, N. J
April 14, 1879 Warrant	47.....	Wilmington, N. C
June 10, 1879 Warrant	48.....	Mobile, Ala
July 14, 1879 Warrant	49.....	St. Louis, Mo
Aug 11, 1879 Warrant	50.....	Vicksburg, Miss
Aug 11, 1879 Warrant	51.....	Covington, Ky
Nov 10, 1879 Warrant	52.....	Staunton, Va

PATRIARCHIE WARRANTS GRANTED.

DATE	NO	LOCATED
April 14, 1879 Warrant	10.....	Chicago, Ill
July 14, 1879 Warrant	11.....	Allegheny, Pa
July 14, 1879 Warrant	12.....	Worcester, Mass
Sept 8, 1879 Warrant	13.....	Louisville, Ky.
Nov 10, 1879 Warrant	14.....	Memphis, Tenn



CHAPTER XXXIX.

THE THIRTY-SEVENTH SUB-COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT, 1880

This Board granted 122 Lodge dispensations, thirty-seven Households, eight Councils and five Patriarchies warrants.

The Constitution for District Lodges, and the plan of the Bureau of Endowment were adopted and put into operation during the year. The latter struggled along for a few years and died from want of support. The District Lodge continued to survive, though bitterly fought at every general meeting until October, 1890, when it was given more power and elevated, in name, to District Grand Lodge.

THE LAST, THIRTY-FIFTH, A. M. C., 1880.

Met in Richmond, Va., 191 delegates were present from nearly every State in the Union. The meeting was held in the State Capitol. The delegation was the largest that had ever assembled up to that time.

The debates reflected the intelligence of the members, but they were exceedingly spicy and long drawn out (See proceedings of Thirty-fifth A. M. C.)

A proposition having been adopted at this, the last A. M. C. to hold B. M. C.'s (Biennial Moveable Committee), in the future, the Sub-Committee chosen was therefore to serve two years.

S. C. of M. for 1881-82.

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B F. GROSS,	A. K. MANNING,
J. P. JONES,	WILLIAM HILL.

THE GRAND CONVOCATION,

Of the Patriarchies assembled in Richmond, Va., in their second session immediately after the adjournment of the Thirty-fifth A. M. C., October, 1880.

LODGE DISPENSATIONS GRANTED IN 1880.

DISPENSATED	NAME OF LODGE	NO	LOCATED
Jan 12, 1880	Kingston	2042	Kingston, Jamaica, W.I
Jan 12, 1880	Campbellville	2043	Campbellville, Ky
Jan 12, 1880	Sweet Locust.....	2044	Pepey Valley, Ky
Jan 12, 1880	Mizpath.....	2045	Baton Rouge, La
Jan 12, 1880	Star of Love.....	2046	Chuckatuck, Va
Jan 12, 1880	Mountain Gap.....	2047	Mountain Gap, Va
Jan 12, 1880	Concatenation	2048	Nesho, Mo
Jan 12, 1880	Erin	2049	Erin, Tenn
Jan 12, 1880	John Bowles.....	2050	Jamestown, O
Jan 12, 1880	Prince Edward.....	2051	Franklinton, Ky
Jan 12, 1880	Sewickley	2052	Sewickley, Pa
Jan 12, 1880	Scipio	2053	Crawfordsville, Ind
Jan 12, 1880	Border	2054	Bristol, Va
Jan 12, 1880	Atlanta	2056	Leavenworth, Kan
Jan 12, 1880	Worton	2057	Hanesville, Md
Jan 12, 1880	Pride of Jamaica.....	2058	Kingston, Jamaica, W.I
Jan 12, 1880	Ottumwa	2059	Ottumwa, Iowa
Jan 12, 1880	New World.....	2060	Ozark, Ark
Jan 12, 1880	Queen of Arkansas.....	2061	Cotton Plant, Ark
Jan 12, 1880	Fredonia.....	2062	Fredonia, Ark
Jan 12, 1880	Frontier.....	2063	Fort Smith, Ark
Jan 12, 1880	Ire.....	2064	Port of Spain, W.I
Feb 9, 1880	Seraphim	2067	Flushing, N.Y
Feb 9, 1880	Arkansas.....	2068	Arkansas City, Ark
Feb 9, 1880	Ignatius.....	2069	Batesville, Ark
Feb 9, 1880	Eli.....	2070	Braidwood, Ill
Feb 9, 1880	Pride of Kentucky.....	2071	Shelby City, Ky
Feb 9, 1880	Absalom.....	2072	Macon, Ga
Feb 9, 1880	Mattoon	2073	Mattoon, Ill
Feb 9, 1880	Smyrna.....	2074	Smyrna, Tenn
Feb 9, 1880	Queen of Sheba.....	2075	Knightsville; Ind
Mar 8, 1880	Sand Hill	2076	La Grange, Tenn
Mar 8, 1880	Winchester Diamond.....	2077	Winchester, Ky
Mar 8, 1880	Accomack.....	2078	Drummondstown, Va
Mar 8, 1880	Milan.....	2080	Milan, Tenn
Mar 8, 1880	Marble City.....	2081	Cape Girardeau, Mo
Mar 8, 1880	Golden Seal.....	2082	Houston, Texas
Mar 8, 1880	Beulah	2083	Columbia, S.C
Mar 8, 1880	Lily of Bonham.....	2084	Bonham, Texas
Mar 8, 1880	Ambrosia.....	2085	Little Rock, Ark
Mar 8, 1880	Damon.....	2086	Montgomery, Ala

LODGE DISPENSATIONS GRANTED IN 1880—CON- TINUED.

DISPENSATED	NAME OF LODGE	NO	LOCATED
Mar 8, 1880	Morton.....	2087	Little Bock, Ark
April 12, 1880	White Cloud	2088	White Cloud, Ark
April 12, 1880	Athens.....	2089	Athens, Tenn
April 12, 1880	Wetumpka.....	2090	Wetumpka, Ala
April 12, 1880	Brazil.....	2091	Brazil, Ind
April 12, 1880	Gainesville.....	2092	Gainesville, Texas
April 12, 1880	Celestial.....	2093	Hartford, Conn
April 12, 1880	Lorenzo.....	2094	Mayslick, Ky
April 12, 1880	Pride of Durham.....	1095	Durham, N.C
April 12, 1880	Elks River.....	2096	Fayetteville, Tenn
April 12, 1880	Atchison.....	2097	Atchison, Kan
April 12, 1880	Jamaica.....	2098	Jamaica, L.I., N.Y
April 12, 1880	W. A. Freeman.....	2099	Washington, D.C
April 12, 1880	Rome.....	2100	Rome, Ga
April 12, 1880	Active.....	2101	Salem, N.J
April 12, 1880	Amicita.....	2102	Nashville, Tenn
April 12, 1880	Waxahatchie.....	2103	Waxahatchie, Texas
April 12, 1880	Missineway.....	2104	Marion, Ind
April 12, 1880	Kansas Rangers.....	2105	Fort Scott, Kas
May 8, 1880	De Sota.....	2106	Helena, Ark
May 8, 1880	Alpine.....	2107	Newport, Ark
May 8, 1880	Flowery May.....	2108	Sussex, Va
May 8, 1880	Sons of Elijah.....	2109	Charleston, S. C
May 8, 1880	Bayou Bouef.....	2110	Bayou Bouef, La
May 8, 1880	Gendaye.....	2111	Marianna, Fla
May 8, 1880	Golden Pen.....	2112	Lewisburg, Ark
May 8, 1880	Young Eagle.....	2113	Edmonson, Ark
June 8, 1880	Pride of Alabama.....	2114	Opelika, Ala
June 8, 1880	Fairfield.....	2115	Winsboro, S.C
June 8, 1880	Agricola.....	2116	Hawkinsville, Ga
June 8, 1880	St. Louis Hope.....	2117	St. Louis, Mo
June 8, 1880	Kiverside.....	2118	Canton Mo
June 8, 1880	Waverly.....	2119	Waverly, Tenn
June 8, 1880	Marshall	2120	Marshall, Texas
June 8, 1880	Madison Friendship.....	2121	Madison, Va
June 8, 1880	Boonville	2122	Booneville, Mo
June 8, 1880	Greencastle.....	2123	Greencastle, Ind
July 12, 1880	Union Protection.....	2124	Galveston, Texas
July 12, 1880	Queen Escher.....	2125	Smithfield, Va
July 12, 1880	St. Catharine.....	2126	Sand Hill, Ark
July 12, 1880	Greenville.....	2127	Greenville, Miss
July 12, 1880	Reidville.....	2128	Reidville, N. C
July 12, 1880	Bear Skin.....	2129	Bear Skin Lake, Ark
July 12, 1880	Union Friendly.....	2130	Charleston, S. C
July 12, 1880	Noble-Hearted Brothers.....	2131	Yazoo City, Miss
July 12, 1880	Shining Light.....	2132	Kenton, Ohio
July 12, 1880	Union Valley.....	2133	Union Valley, Ark
July 12, 1880	Golden Heart.....	2134	Fayetteville, Ark
July 12, 1880	Star of the Union.....	2135	Greenville, S. C

LODGE DISPENSATIONS GRANTED IN 1880—CON- CLUDED.

DISPENSATED.	NAME OF LODGE.	NO.	LOCATED
Aug 9, 1880	Operative Sons.....	2136	Wyandotte, Kas
Aug 9, 1880	Mexia.....	2137	Mexia, Texas
Aug 9, 1880	Kaska.....	2138	Rutland, Ohio
Aug 9, 188	Elm City.....	2139	New Haven, Conn
Sept 13, 1880	Pride of Ghent.....	2140	Ghent, Ky
Sept 13, 1880	Duval.....	2141	Saville, Fla
Sept 13, 1880	Alamo.....	2142	San Antonio, Texas
Sept 13, 1880	Silver Shower.....	2143	Holly Springs, Miss
Sept 13, 1880	Fort Worth.....	2144	Fort Worth, Texas
Sept 13, 1880	Saluda.....	2145	Catlettsburg, Ky
Sept 13, 1880	Carlisle.....	2146	Carlisle, Ky
Sept 13, 1880	Brunswick.....	2147	Brunswick, Ga
Oct 27, 1880	Ishmael.....	2148	Cannonsburg, Pa
Oct 27, 1880	Americus.....	2149	Americus, Ga
Oct 27, 1880	G. A. Cooper.....	2150	Hernando, Miss
Oct 27, 1880	Sandersville.....	2151	Sandersville, Ga
Oct 27, 1880	Triumph.....	2152	Greenup, Ky
Oct 27, 1880	East Texas.....	2153	Marshall, Texas
Oct 27, 1880	Sons of Lebanon.....	2154	Matawan, N. J
Oct 27, 1880	Rescue.....	2155	Williamsport, Md
Oct 27, 1880	Gibson Home.....	2156	Trenton, Tenn
Oct 27, 188	James the Great.....	2157	Pass Christian, Miss
Oct 27, 1880	Crystal Palace.....	2158	Dayton, Ohio
Oct 27, 1880	True Friends.....	2159	Paris, Texas
Oct 27, 1880	Maryland Home.....	2160	Havre de Grace, Md
Nov 8, 1880	Friar's Point.....	2161	Friar's Point, Miss
Nov 8, 1880	Arkadelphia.....	2162	Arkade'phia, Ark
Nov 8, 1880	Mount Sinai.....	2163	Kent Island, Md
Dec 13, 1880	Gem of the Ocean.....	2164	St. Croix, W. I
Dec 13, 1880	Glorious Star.....	2165	St. Croix, W. I
Dec 13, 1880	Star of Isthmus.....	2166	Panama, U. S. C

WARRANTS FOR HOUSEHOLDS OF RUTH.

DATE	NO	LOCATED	DATE	NO	LOCATED
Jan 12, 1880	161	Richmond, Ky	June 8, 1880	180	Goldsboro, N.C
Jan 12, 1880	162	Braidwood, Ill	July 12, 1880	181	Waco, Texas
Jan 12, 1880	163	Charleston, WVa	July 12, 1880	182	P't Pleasant WVa
Jan 12, 1880	164	Nicholasville, Ky	July 12, 1880	183	Lawrence, Kas
Feb 9, 1880	165	Natchez, Miss	July 12, 1880	184	Shreveport, La
Mar 8, 1880	166	Topeka, Kas	Aug 9, 1880	185	Spartanburg, S.C
Mar 8, 1880	167	Steelton, Pa	Aug 9, 1880	186	Washington, D.C
Mar 8, 1880	168	Philadelphia, Pa	Sept 13, 1880	187	Corsicana, Texas
Mar 8, 1880	169	Lawrenee'b'g, Ky	Sept 13, 1880	188	Uniontown, Ky

WARRANTS FOR HOUSEHOLDS OF RUTH.

DATE	NO	LOCATED	DATE	NO	LOCATED
Mar 8, 1880	170	Frankfort, Ky	Sept 13, 1880	189	Jackson, Miss
April 12, 1880	171	Osceola, Ark	Sept 13, 1880	190	Springfield, Ill
April 12, 1880	172	Jackson, Tenn	Oct 27, 1880	191	Macon, Ga
April 12, 1880	173	Memphis, Tenn	Oct 27, 1880	192	Hamilton, Can
May 8, 1880	174	Bryan, Texas	Oct 27, 1880	193	Moss Point, Miss
May 8, 1880	175	Reading, Pa	Dec 13, 1880	194	Hartford, Ky
June 8, 1880	176	Hickory, N.C	Dec 13, 1880	195	Canton, Miss
June 8, 1880	177	Keokuk, Iowa	Dec 13, 1880	196	Russellville, Ky
June 8, 1880	178	Galveston, Texas	Dec 13, 1880	197	Houston, Texas
June 8, 1880	179	Edwards, Miss			

PAST GRAND MASTERS' COUNCIL WARRANTS.

DATE	NO	LOCATED
April 12, 1880	Warrant.....	53 Wheeling, W. Va
April 12, 1880	Warrant.....	54 Camden, N. J
April 12, 1880	Warrant.....	55 Columbia, S. C
June 8, 1880	Warrant.....	56 Henderson, Ky
June 8, 1880	Warrant.....	57 Key West, Fla
July 12, 1880	Warrant.....	58 Evansville, Ind
Sept 13, 1880	Warrant.....	59 Braidwood, Ill
Oct 27, 1880	Warrant.....	60 Savannah, Ga
Dec 13, 1880	Warrant.....	61 Salem, Mass

PATRIARCHY WARRANTS.

DATE	NO	LOCATED
Jan 12, 1880	Warrant.....	15 Cambridge, Mass
Feb 9, 1880	Warrant.....	16 Lynchburg, Va
June 8, 1880	Warrant.....	17 New Haven, Conn
July 12, 1880	Warrant.....	18 Washington, D. C

CHAPTER XL.

THE THIRTY-EIGHTH SUB-COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT, 1881-1882.

During these two years 159 new Lodges were open; also eighty-one Households, thirteen Councils and seven Patriarchies.

February 21, 1881, a dispensation was granted to open the first lodge in Central America; title, Belize Lodge, 2170, British Honduras.

June 13, 1881, Minnesota was admitted in the Order, and started her career with Mars Lodge, 2202, St. Paul.

October 10, 1881, the State of Nebraska called for a number and was given Omaha Lodge, 2226, at Omaha.

September 18, 1882, the Sub-Committee launched Santa Fee, 2357, the oldest lodge in New Mexico Territory.

During this term the spirit of unrest and rebellion manifested itself in an alarming degree. A convention was called to meet in Boston, Mass., in 1881, "to form a higher legislative branch for the Order." This was unauthorized and stubbornly fought by the Sub-Committee. The promoters of this were baffled, but not entirely discouraged, for they subsequently made another effort to hold a convention in Philadelphia with a view of organizing a Grand Household of Ruth. The Grand officers were fully aroused to the necessity of subduing turbulent spirits and they did finally succeed in dispelling the ominous cloud of destruction.

THE FIRST B. M. C.—36TH GENERAL MEETING.

The First Biennial Moveable Committee sat in Boston, Mass., October 3, 1882. One hundred and sixty-five delegates were in attendance.

A strenuous effort was made at this meeting to abolish District Lodges, but it failed for lack of a three-fourths vote. The District Lodges had only been in operation two years, but they had been so badly officered that the majority of the delegates to every general meeting for ten years voted against the continuance of them.

Upon motion of Wm. H. Grimshaw the B. M. C. voted an appropriation of \$10.00 for a floral offering to be placed upon the grave of the Hon. Charles Sumner, the great Commoner and the especial champion of the oppressed and despised race.

This act is worthy of a place in our history, for Charles Sumner was the Negro's ablest advocate before the American Congress.

The B. M. C. elected the following S. C. of M. for 1883-84, and adjourned:

W. M. T. FORRESTER, G. M., W. C. H. CURTIS, G. T.,
SAMUEL W. CHASE, D. G. M., D. B. BOWSER, G. S.

DIRECTORS.

DAVID WARNER,
E. H. MORRIS,

J. S. BROWN,
I. B. SMITH.

LODGE DISPENSATIONS GRANTED IN 1881-1882.

DISPENSATED	NAME OF LODGE	NO	LOCATED
Feb 21, 1881	Covington Globe	2169	Covington, Tenn
Feb 21, 1881	Belize.....	2170	Belize, British Hond
Feb 21, 1881	Calvert.....	2171	Brooks Chapel, Md
Feb 21, 1881	Monticello.....	2172	Harrisonburg, Va
Feb 21, 1881	Sumpter.....	2173	Sumpter, S.C
Jan 10, 1881	Concordia.....	2174	Kingston, Jamaica, W.I
Mar 14, 1881	Lone Star of Friendship.....	2175	Navasoto, Tex
Mar 14, 1881	Star of Texas.....	2176	Weatherford, Tex
Mar 14, 1881	Double Bridge.....	2177	Double Bridge, Tenn
April 11, 1881	St Matthias.....	2178	Basseterre, W.I
April 11, 1881	Noble Star.....	2179	Marlin, Tex
April 11, 1881	Fort Loudon.....	2180	Fort Loudon, Tenn
April 11, 1881	Unbroken Link.....	2181	Chester, C.H., S.C
April 11, 1881	Gordonville.....	2182	Mt Jackson, Va
April 11, 1881	Pride of Love.....	2183	Concord, N.C
May 9, 1881	Kalmia	2184	Aiken, S.C
May 9, 1881	Osage City.....	2185	Osage City, Kas
June 13, 1881	Greenwood.....	2186	Greenwood, Tenn
June 13, 1881	Wallace.....	2187	Hartsville, Tenn
June 13, 1881	Sacramento.....	2189	Sacramento City, Cal
June 13, 1881	Southern Sons.....	2190	Franklin, La
June 13, 1881	Sanatobia.....	2191	Sanatobia, Miss
June 13, 1881	Charity.....	2192	Des Moines, Iowa
June 13, 1881	Bright Angel.....	2193	Burlington, Iowa
June 13, 1881	Howard.....	2194	Solomon Island, Md
June 13, 1881	Nottingham.....	2195	Nottingham, Md
June 13, 1881	Argenta.....	2197	Argenta, Ark
June 13, 1881	Texarkana.....	2198	Texarkana, Ark

LODGE DISPENSATIONS GRANTED IN 1881-1882— CONTINUED.

DISPENSATED	NAME OF LODGE	NO	LOCATED
June 13, 1881	Camden Eureka.....	2199	Camden, Ark
June 13, 1881	Atkinson.....	2200	Atkinson Station, Ark
June 13, 1881	Nickel.....	2201	Walnut Grove, Ark
June 13, 1881	Mars.....	2202	Fort Randall, Dak
July 11, 1881	Flower of Love.....	2203	Hillsboro, Texas
July 11, 1881	Philippi.....	2204	Piqua, Ohio
July 11, 1881	Germantown.....	2205	Germantown, Pa
July 11, 1881	Fame.....	2206	Jacksonville, Ill
July 11, 1881	Asher.....	2207	Myrtle Station, Va
July 11, 1881	Prosperity.....	2208	Disputanta, Va
Aug 8, 1881	Muchakinnock.....	2209	Muchakinnock, Iowa
Aug 8, 1881	Charter.....	2210	Ash Grove, Mo
Aug 8, 1881	Beaufort.....	2211	Beaufort, S.C
Aug 8, 1881	Florence.....	2212	Florence, S.C
Sept 12, 1881	Coal City.....	2213	Coal City, Pa
Sept 12, 1881	Chattahoochie.....	2214	Chattahoochie, Ga
Sept 12, 1881	Manchester.....	2215	Manchester, Va
Sept 12, 1881	Santa Rosa.....	2216	Milton, Fla
Sept 12, 1881	Atlantic Light.....	2217	Tyaskin, Md
Sept 12, 1881	Charity.....	2218	Lancaster, Ohio
Sept 12, 1881	Disputanta.....	2219	Disputanta, Va
Sept 12, 1881	Mineral.....	2220	Mineral, Ohio
Oct 10, 1881	Rockwood.....	2221	Rockwood, Tenn
Oct 10, 1881	McKenzie.....	2222	McKenzie, Tenn
Oct 10, 1881	Pride of Sharon.....	2223	Charlotte, N.C
Oct 10, 1881	Golden Ark.....	2224	Morgan City, La
Oct 10, 1881	Pike County.....	2225	Paynesville, Mo
Oct 10, 1881	Omaha.....	2226	Omaha, Neb
Oct 10, 1881	Circleville.....	2272	Circleville, Ohio
Oct 10, 1881	Oak and Laurel.....	2273	Doylestown, Ohio
Oct 10, 1881	Rueen of Cameron.....	2274	Cameron, Texas
Oct 10, 1881	Uniontown.....	2275	Uniontown, Ky
Oct 10, 1881	Palmetto.....	2276	Union, S.C
Nov 14, 1881	Gem City.....	2277	Fort Madison, Iowa
Nov 14, 1881	Dew Drop.....	2278	Newport Tenn
Nov 14, 1881	Fort Donaldson.....	2279	Doner, Tenn
Nov 14, 1881	Lambert.....	2280	Flemington, Ky
Nov 14, 1881	God of the Morning.....	2281	High Point, N.C
Nov 14, 1881	Randolph.....	2282	Columbia, S.C
Nov 14, 1881	Tunica.....	2283	Austin, Miss
Nov 14, 1881	Chas Howard.....	2284	Washington, Ind
Nov 14, 1881	Rising Sons of Progress.....	2285	Burlington, N.J
Nov 14, 1881	Fruitland.....	2286	Frustland, Md
Nov 14, 1881	Rose of Sara.....	2287	Ashland, Ky
Mar 18, 1882	Rosadella.....	2289	Belle Haven, Va
Dec 12, 1881	Mt Laurel.....	2290	Pottsville, Pa
Dec 12, 1881	Prophetic.....	2291	Carrollton, Ky
Dec 12, 1881	Golden Era.....	2292	Hamilton, Ga
Dec 12, 1881	Jas A. Garfield.....	2293	Troy, Ohio

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LODGE DISPENSATIONS GRANTED IN 1881-1882— CONTINUED.

DISPENSATED		NAME OF LODGE	NO	LOCATED
Dec	12, 1881	Highland	2294	Greenfield, Ohio
Dec	12, 1881	Stewart Chapel.....	2295	Stewart's Chapel, Ark
Dec	12, 1871	Burnt Stump.....	2296	Crawfordsville, Ark
Jan	9, 1882	Shady Grove.....	2297	Young Townshp, Ark
Jan	9, 1882	Duncansby.....	2298	Duncansby, Miss
Jan	9, 1882	Transylvania.....	2299	Parsons, Kas
Jan	9, 1882	Prospect	2300	Weldon, N.C
Jan	9, 1882	Evening Charter.....	2301	Greenfield, Mo
Oct	10, 1881	Crown.....	2302	Ripley, Ohio
Jan	9, 1882	Mulberry Island.....	2303	Mulberry Island, Va
Jan	9, 1882	Enoch	2304	Bellhaven, Va
Jan	9, 1882	Denton.....	2305	Denton, Texas
Jan	9, 1882	Green Leaf.....	2306	Guyandotte, Va.
Jan	9, 1882	Denmark Vesey.....	2307	Charleston, W. Va
Jan	9, 1882	Winston	2308	Winston, N.C
Jan	9, 1882	St Lawrence	2309	Lake Maitland, Fla
Jan	9, 1882	Light of the East.....	2310	Athens, Texas
Feb	13, 1882	Eldorado.....	2311	South Charleston, Ohio
Feb	13, 1882	Choral	2312	London, Ohio
Feb	13, 1882	York Beauty.....	2313	Cochran, Ga
Feb	13, 1882	Spartan.....	2314	Spartansburg, S.C
Mar	13, 1882	West Texas.....	2315	Weiman, Texas
Mar	13, 1882	Sun-Set.....	2316	Luling, Texas
Mar	13, 1882	New Liberty.....	2317	New Liberty, Ky
Mar	13, 1882	Martin's Ferry	2318	Martin's Ferry, Ohio
Mar	13, 1882	Gzark Mountain.....	2319	Springfield, Mo
Mar	13, 1882	Rocky Mountain.....	2320	Denver, Col
April	10, 1882	Golden Victory.....	2321	Greenville, N.C
May	8, 1882	Mutual Compact.....	2322	Brazoria, Texas
May	8, 1882	Secret Keepers.....	2323	Greensburg, La
June	12, 1882	Pine Hill.....	2324	Rock Castle, Ky
June	12, 1882	P. of Solomon.....	2325	New Castle, Ind
June	12, 1882	H. H. Garnet.....	2326	Grassy Pond, S.C
June	12, 1882	Orleans Progress.....	2327	New Orleans, La
April	10, 1882	Vine.....	2328	Lexington, Ky
April	10, 1882	Philander	2329	Albany, Ga
April	10, 1882	Mt Carbon.....	2330	Carbondale, Ill
June	12, 1882	Toning Bell.....	2331	Lagrange, Mo
June	12, 1882	Austin	2339	Austin, Texas
July	10, 1882	Liberty	2340	Pittsburg, Pa
July	10, 1882	Widow's Friend.....	2341	Portsmouth, Va
July	10, 1882	U. Sons of the West.....	2342	Cockeysville, Md
July	10, 1882	Grand Central.....	2343	Long Green, Md
Aug	21, 1882	Ahaza.....	2344	New Castle, Del
Aug	21, 1882	Water Valley.....	2345	Water Valley, Miss
Aug	21, 1882	Independence.....	2346	Independence, Mo
Aug	21, 1882	Pineville	2347	Pineville, N.C
Aug	21, 1882	Pee Dee.....	2348	Rockingham, N.C
Aug	21, 1882	Northwestern.....	2349	Evanston, Ill

LODGE DISPENSATIONS GRANTED IN 1881-1882-- CLUDED.

DISPENSATED	NAME OF LODGE	NO	LOCATED
Aug 21, 1882	Cobden.....	2350	Cobden, Ill
Aug 21, 1882	Glimpville.....	3351	Glimpville, Tenn
Aug 21, 1882	Jupiter.....	2352	Sanford, Fla
Sept 18, 1882	B. Hoover.....	2353	Williamsburg, Ohio
Sept 18, 1882	Elysium	2354	Stateville, N.C
Sept 18, 1882	Lima	2355	Lima, Ohio
Sept 18, 1882	Viola	2356	Bellefontain, Ohio
Sept 18, 1882	Santa Fe.....	2357	Santa Fe, New Mexico
Sept 18, 1882	Traveling Pilgrims.....	2358	Hillsdale, D.C
Sept 18, 1882	Elijah.....	2359	Decatur, Ill
Oct 30, 1882	Mt Pisgah.....	2360	Troy, N.Y
Nov 20, 1882	A. K. Manning.....	2361	Washington, D.C
Nov 20, 1882	Golden Reef.....	362	Washington, D.C
Nov 20, 1882	Golden Leaf.....	2363	Dickson Station, Tenn
Nov 20, 1882	Rose of New England.....	2364	Norwich, Conn
Nov 20, 1882	Dexter Banner.....	2365	Dexter, Texas
Nov 20, 1882	Sons of Freedom.....	2366	Lincoln, Neb
Nov 20, 1882	Fider de Feussor.....	2367	Huntsville, Texas
Nov 20, 1882	Sardis	2388	Sardis, Miss
Nov 20, 1882	State Line.....	2389	German P. O., Ohio
Nov 20, 1882	Gethsemane.....	2390	Bainbridge, Ohio
Nov 20, 1882	Hamilton City.....	2391	Hamilton, N.C
Nov 20, 1882	Mayesville.....	2392	Maysville, S.C
Nov 20, 1882	Acme	2393	Marietta, Ohio
Nov 20, 1882	Cotton Gin.....	2394	Cotton Gin, Texas
Nov 20, 1882	Altamaha	2395	Brunswick, Ga
Nov 20, 1882	Bethar	2396	Manchester, Va
Nov 20, 1882	Rising Hope.....	2397	War,enton, Va
Nov 20, 1882	Asheville.....	2398	Asheville, N.C
Dec 11, 1882	Valley.....	2399	Carrollton, Ky
Dec 11, 1882	Blue Olivet.....	2400	Louisa, Ky
Dec 11, 1882	Stevenville	2401	Stevenville, Tex

WARRANTS FOR HOUSEHOLDS OF RUTH.

DATE	NO	LOCATED	DATE	NO	LOCATED
Jan 10, 1881	198	Pine Bluff, Ark	Feb 13, 1882	240	Shelbyville, Ind
Jan 10, 1881	199	Abingdon, Va	Feb 13, 1882	241	Hempstead, Tex
Jan 10, 1881	*200	.....	Feb 13, 1882	242	Marshall, Tex
Jan 10, 1881	201	Shelbyville, Tenn	Mar 13, 1882	243	Canton, Mo
Jan 10, 1881	202	Sheph'dst'n, WV	Mar 13, 1882	244	Charlottesville, Va
Feb 21, 1881	203	Apalachicola, Fla	Apr 10, 1882	245	West Branch, Va
Feb 21, 1881	204	Liberty, Va	Apr 10, 1882	246	Yellow Springs, O
Mar 14, 1881	205	Calvert, Texas	Apr 10, 1882	247	C. Gerardeaux, Mo

*Granted to No. 3, Philadelphia, Pa.

WARRANTS FOR HOUSEHOLDS OF RUTH. CONCLUDED.

DATE	NO	LOCATED	DATE	NO	LOCATED
Apr 11, 1881	206	Forsyth, Ga	Apr 10, 1882	248	Fayetteville, N. C
Apr 11, 1881	207	Dalton, Ga	Apr 10, 1882	249	Little Rock, Ark
Apr 11, 1881	208	Upperville, Va	Apr 10, 1882	250	Newark, N. J
May 9, 1881	209	Duquion, Ill	May 8, 1882	251	Sewickley, Pa
May 9, 1881	210	Urbana, Ohio	May 8, 1882	252	Baton Rouge, La
May 9, 1881	211	Little Rock, Ark	May 8, 1882	253	San Francisco, Cal
June 13, 1881	212	Augusta, Ark	June 12, 1882	254	Palestine, Tex
July 11, 1881	213	Quincy, Ill	June 12, 1882	255	Denison, Tex
July 11, 1881	214	Hartford, Conn	June 12, 1882	256	Catlettsburg, Ky
July 11, 1881	215	Kingston, Jamaica	June 12, 1882	257	Navasota, Texas
Aug 8, 1881	216	Springfield, Mo	June 12, 1882	258	Greencastle, Ind
Aug 8, 1881	217	Aberdeen, Miss	June 12, 1882	259	Cumberland, Md
Sept 12, 1881	218	Columbus, Ohio	June 12, 1882	260	Marlin, Texas
Oct 10, 1881	219	Houston, Tex	June 12, 1882	261	Brandon, Texas
Oct 10, 1881	220	Xenia, Ohio	June 12, 1882	262	Metropylis, Ill
Oct 10, 1881	221	Georgetown, Ky	July 0, 1882	263	Fort Worth, Tex
Oct 10, 1881	222	Brenham, Texas	July 1, 1882	264	Ozark, Ark
Oct 10, 1881	223	Mt. Sterling, Ky	July 0, 1882	265	Helena, Ark
Oct 10, 1881	224	Paris, Ky	July 0, 1882	266	Zanesville, Ohio
Oct 10, 1881	225	Danville, Va	July 0, 1882	267	Kansas City, Kan
Nov 14, 1881	226	Paris, Ill	Aug 2, 1882	268	Waxahatchie, Tex
Nov 14, 1881	227	Coal Hill, Ark	Sept 18, 1882	269	Milan, Tenn
Nov 14, 1881	228	New Orleans, La	Sept 18, 1882	270	Chillicothe, Ohio
Nov 14, 1881	229	Easton, Md	Sept 18, 1882	271	Beaufort, S. C
Nov 14, 1881	230	Paris, Tenn	Sept 18, 1882	272	Washington, D. C
Nov 14, 1881	231	Nashville, Tenn	Sept 18, 1882	273	Dayton, Ohio
Dec 12, 1881	232	Thibodeaux, La	Sept 18, 1882	274	Somerset, W. I
Dec 12, 1881	233	Emporia, Kan	Nov 20, 1882	275	Salem, Mass
Dec 12, 1881	234	Carlisle, Pa	Nov 20, 1882	276	Weatherford, Tex
Jan 9, 1882	235	Brenham, Tex	Nov 20, 1882	277	Selma, Ala
Jan 9, 1882	236	West Point, Miss	Nov 20, 1882	278	Cynthiana, Ky
Feb 23, 1882	237	Pensacola, Fla	Nov 20, 1882	279	Harrisonburg, Va
Feb 13, 1882	238	Dallas, Tex	Nov 20, 1882	280	Haverhill, Mass
Feb 13, 1882	239	Gallapolis, Ohio			

PAST GRAND MASTERS' COUNCIL WARRANTS.

DATE	NO	LOCATED
April 11, 1881	Warrant.....62	Topeka, Kas
Aug 8, 1881	Warrant.....63	New Berne, N.C
Aug 8, 1881	Warrant.....64	Cincinnati, Ohio
Sept 12, 1881	Warrant.....65	Xenia, Ohio
Sept 12, 1881	Warrant.....66	Urbana, Ohio
Feb 13, 1882	Warrant.....67	Carlisle, Pa

PAST GRAND MASTERS' WARRANTS—CONCLUDED.

DATE	NO	LOCATED
Mar 13, 1882 Warrant.....		68Columbus, Ohio
April 10, 1882, Warrant		69Galveston, Texas
April 10, 1882 Warrant.....		70Lexington, Ky
July 10, 1882 Warrant.....		71Middleport, Ohio
Aug 21, 1882 Warrant.....		72Columbia, Tenn
Aug 21, 1882 Warrant.....		73Dayton, Ohio
Oct 30, 1882 Warrant.....		74Williamsport, Pa.

PATRIARCHIE WARRANTS GRANTED.

DATE	NO	LOCATED
April 20, 1881 Warrant.....	20	Wilmington, Del
June 13, 1881 Warrant.....	21	Covington, Ky
July 12, 1881 Warrant.....	22a	Weeksville, N. Y
Nov 14, 1881 Warrant.....	22b	Nashville, Tenn
Dec 12, 1881 Warrant.....	23	Indianapolis, Ind
Dec 12, 1881 Warrant.....	24	Springfield, Ohio
July 10, 1882 Warrant.....	25	Carlisle, Pa
Sept 18, 1882 Warrant.....	26	Columbus, Ohio
Dec 11, 1882 Warrant.....	27	Xenia, Ohio

CHAPTER XLI.

THE THIRTY-NINTH SUB-COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT, 1883-1884.

During these two years 181 Lodge dispensations were granted; new Households opened, 60; Councils, 11; Patriarchies, 7.

August 28, 1883, the first convention of delegates from Households, held in accordance with instructions from the S. C. of M., met in Richmond, Va., and organized

A GRAND HOUSEHOLD OF RUTH.

Delegates to the first general meeting of the Household of Ruth, of the G. U. O. of O. F., America:

Malinda Woodson,	No. 101, Hannibal, Mo.
Oscar Bell,	" 24, Louisville, Ky.
Mary A. Bond,	" 44, Chicago, Ill.
J. Thomas Turner,	" 70, Memphis, Tenn.
J. W. Grant,	" 231, Nashville, Tenn.
T. Morris Chester,	" 36, New Orleans, La.
Isaac Singleton,	" 98, Little Rock, Ark.
Geo. H. Dennis,	" 103, Knoxville, Tenn.
R. F. Green,	" 225, Danville, Va.
Rachel Milford,	" 3, Philadelphia, Pa.
Wm. F. Sykes,	" 134, Philadelphia, Pa.
W. M. T. Forrester,	" 16, Richmond, Va.
Jacob S. Brown,	" 6, Baltimore, Md.
Harry Wilson,	" 30, Baltimore, Md.
T. Jeffrey Bush,	" 66, Boston, Mass.
W. C. H. Curtis,	" 9, New York City, N. Y.
Amelia Henderson,	" 75, Lexington, Ky.
G. W. Reed,	" 51, Portsmouth, Va.
Hezekiah Anderson,	" 100, Norfolk, Va.
Sydney Miller,	" 151, New York City, N. Y.
Elizabeth W. Marshall,	" 6, Washington, D. C.
Jeffrey T. Wilson,	" 33, Portsmouth, Va.
Andrew Bassett,	" 145, Hampton, Va.
A. Merchant,	" 281, Carlisle, Ky.



OFFICERS' JEWELS,
for Lodges G. U. O. of O. F., in America.

THE SECOND B. M. C.—37TH GENERAL MEETING.

Met at Cincinnati, Ohio, October 7, 1884, with 252 delegates in attendance.

No important amendments or alterations were made in the General Laws at this meeting. The session was indeed a pleasant one from a social standpoint, but that is all.

S. C. of M. for 1885-86.

W. M. T. FORRESTER, G. M. W. C. H. CURTIS, G. T.
E. H. MORRIS, D. G. M. D. B. BOWSER, G. S.

DIRECTORS.

A. B. LATTIMORE. CHARLES B. WILSON.
W. C. COSTIN. T. M. CHESTER.

LODGE DISPENSATIONS GRANTED IN 1883-1884

DISPENSATED	NAME OF LODGE	NO	LOCATED
Feb 12, 1883	A. J. Mercer.....	2402	Johnstown, Pa
Jan 8, 1883	Adrem.....	2403	Clayton, N.C
Jan 8, 1883	Ocean Bell.....	2404	Edisto, S.C
Jan 8, 1883	Western Beauty.....	2405	McKinney, Texas
Jan 8, 1883	Texas Link.....	2406	Richmond, Texas
Jan 8, 1883	Rising Light.....	2407	Beaufort, S.C
Jan 8, 1883	Westminster.....	2408	Providence, R.I
Jan 8, 1883	Queen of the South.....	2410	Fernandina, Fla
Jan 8, 1883	West Jefferson.....	2411	West Jefferson, Ohio
Jan 8, 1883	Quantico.....	2412	Quantico, Md
Jan 8, 1883	Kennett Square.....	2413	Kennett Square, Pa
Jan 8, 1883	Good Luck.....	2414	Grand Tower, Ill.
Feb 12, 1883	Union Enterprise.....	2415	Buckville, S.C
Feb 12, 1883	Principia.....	2416	Cincinnati, Ohio
Feb 12, 1883	Prescott.....	2417	Prescott, Ark
Feb 12, 1883	Boston.....	2418	Boston, Mass
Feb 12, 1883	General Independence.....	2419	Plummersville, Ark
Feb 12, 1883	Magic City.....	2420	Birmingham, Ala
Feb 12, 1883	Rural Light.....	2421	Swansboro, N.C
Mar 19, 1883	Corner Stone of Malden.....	2422	Malden, W. Va
Mar 19, 1883	Zion Watchman.....	2423	Live Oak, Fla
Mar 19, 1883	St Elmer.....	2424	St Joseph, Mo
Mar 19, 1883	Schulenberg.....	2425	Schulenberg, Texas
Mar 19, 1883	Eagle Springs.....	2426	Hillsboro, Ohio
Mar 19, 1883	Livingston.....	2427	Elgin, Ill
Mar 19, 1883	Fulton Enterprise.....	2428	Atlanta, Ga
Mar 19, 1883	Oglethorpe.....	2429	Point Peter, Ga
Mar 19, 1883	Columbus.....	2430	Columbus, Texas
Mar 19, 1883	Mutual Aid.....	2431	Lagrange, Texas

LODGE DISPENSATIONS GRANTED IN 1883-1884—CON- TINUED.

DISPENSATED	NAME OF LODGE	NO	LOCATED
Mar 19, 1883	Clover Dale.....	2432	Scottsville, Va
April 9, 1883	Rock Fish Star.....	2433	Rock Fish, Va
April 9, 1883	Kingston Riverside.....	2434	Kingston, Tenn
May 14, 1883	Strangers Refuge.....	2435	Centersville, Va
May 14, 1883	Woodson.....	2436	Woodson Station, Ark
May 14, 1883	Fulton.....	2437	Fulton, Ark
May 14, 1883	Biloxi.....	2438	Biloxi, Miss
May 14, 1883	Canonchet.....	2439	Newport, R.I
May 14, 1883	Allenton.....	2440	Allenton, Ala
May 14, 1883	Mt Seir.....	2441	Savannah,, Ga
June 18, 1883	Aerial.....	2442	San Francisco, Cal
June 18, 1883	Kansas City.....	2443	Kansas City, Mo
June 18, 1883	Alphonso.....	2444	Donaldsonville, La
June 18, 1883	La Teche.....	2445	Baldwin, La
June 18, 1883	Bastrop.....	2446	Bastrop, Texas
June 18, 1883	Oakland.....	2447	Oakland, Texas
June 18, 1883	Elite.....	2448	Magnolia, Miss
June 18, 1883	Lake Beulah.....	2449	Lake Beulah, Miss
June 18, 1883	Stormville.....	2450	Stormville, Miss
July 9, 1883	Bigval.....	2451	Kent Island, Md
Aug 13, 1883	Barzilai.....	2452	Hope, Ark
Aug 13, 1883	Mariana.....	2453	Mariana, Ark
Aug 13, 1883	Fountain City.....	2454	Augusta, Ga
Aug 13, 1883	Belle of Lincoln.....	2455	Turnersville, Ky
Aug 13, 1883	Dawson.....	2456	Dawson, Ga
Aug 13, 1883	Beacon.....	2457	Coal Valley, W.Va
Aug 13, 1883	Utopia.....	2458	Jacksonville, Ohio
Aug 13, 1883	Kingville.....	2459	Bartlette, Tenn
Aug 13, 1883	Way Cross.....	2460	Way Cross, Ga
Aug 13, 1883	Lexington, Va... ..	2461	Lexington, Va
Aug 13, 1883	Australia.....	2462	Australia, Miss
Sept 10, 1883	Green Briar.....	2463	Lewisburg, W.Va
Sept 10, 1883	Golden Ring.....	2464	Shiloh, Md
Oct 8, 1883	Peoria.....	2465	Peoria, Ill
Oct 8, 1883	Lovejoy.....	2466	Oil City, Fa
Oct 8, 1883	Rock Star.....	2467	Little Rock, Ark
Oct 8, 1883	Port Royal.....	2468	Port Royal, S.C
Oct 8, 1883	Manning.....	2469	Mann,ng, S.C
Oct 8, 1883	Pine Bluff.....	2470	Pine Bluff, Ark
Nov 19, 1883	Seven Stars of the West.....	2471	Eureka, Kas
Nov 19, 1883	Belton.....	2472	Belton, Texas
Nov 19, 1883	Rising Sons of Zion.....	2473	Ellaville, Fla
Nov 19, 1883	Jefferson.....	2474	Jefferson, Texas
Nov 19, 1883	Taylor.....	2475	Taylor, Texas
Nov 19, 1883	Morgantown.....	2476	Morgantown, Ky
Nov 19, 1883	Three Sisters.....	2477	Colon, U. S. of C
Nov 19, 1883	Elk.....	2478	Elkton, Md
Nov 19, 1883	Nathaniel.....	2479	Orangeburg, S.C
Nov 19, 1883	Sherman.....	2480	Sherman, Texas

LODGE DISPENSATIONS GRANTED IN 1883-1884—CON-
TINUED.

DISPENSATED	NAME OF LODGE	NO	LOCATED
Nov 19, 1883	Monroe.....	2481	Monroe, N.C
Nov 19, 1883	John and Jacob.....	2482	New Orleans, La
Nov 19, 1883	United Brothers of Hope.....	2483	Tigersville, Ia
Nov 19, 1883	Occ dental.....	2484	Oakland, Cal
Dec 10, 1883	J. M. Dickey.....	2485	Lincoln University, Pa
Dec 10, 1883	Ermine	2486	Sydney, Ohio
Dec 10, 1883	Olympian.....	2487	Georgetown, Ohio
Dec 10, 1883	Heart and Hand.....	2488	Union, Ohio
Dec 10, 1883	Rockdale.....	2489	Rockdale, Texas
Dec 10, 1883	Cold Springs.....	2490	Cold Springs, Texas
Dec 10, 1883	Florida	2491	Pensacola, Fla
Dec 10, 1883	Banner of the South.....	2492	Palatka, Fla
Dec 10, 1883	Newburg.....	2493	Newburg, N.Y
Dec 10, 1883	Charm of the West.....	2494	Union City, Tenn
Dec 10, 1883	Little Rock.....	2495	Little Rock, S.C
Dec 10, 1883	Juniata	2496	Bedford, Pa
Dec 10, 1883	Valley Pool.....	2497	St Albans, W.Va
Dec 10, 1883	Ocean.....	2498	Berlin, Md
Jan 14, 1884	Giddings.....	2499	Giddings, Texas
Jan 14, 1884	Decatur.....	2500	Decatur, Texas
Jan 14, 1884	Grahamville.....	2501	Grahamville, S.C
Jan 14, 1884	Prince of Mexico.....	2502	Mexico, Mo
Jan 14, 1884	St Jacobs.....	2503	Newberry C.H., S.C
Jan 14, 1884	Valentine.....	2504	Hazelhurst, Ga
April 15, 1884	Land of Flowers.....	2505	Tampa, Fla
Feb 11, 1884	Newton.....	2506	Newton, Miss
Feb 11, 1884	Elizabethtown.....	2507	Elizabethtown, N.C
Feb 11, 1884	Elsberry	2508	Elsberry, Mo
Feb 11, 1884	Rose of Porter.....	2509	Porter, Ohio
Feb 11, 1884	Gents Resort.....	2510	Rockport, Ind
Feb 11, 1884	Little Bee.....	2511	Galesburg, Ill
Feb 11, 1884	Standing Stone.....	2512	Huntingdon, Pa
Feb 11, 1884	Wendell Phillips.....	2513	Altoona, Pa
Mar 11, 1884	Bond of Love.....	2514	Allegheny, Pa
Mar 11, 1884	Winfield.....	2515	Winfield, Kas
Mar 11, 1884	Mt Sterling.....	2516	Mt Sterling, Ohio
Mar 11, 1884	Mt Hebron.....	2517	Brooklyn, N.Y
Mar 11, 1884	Cumberland Mountain.....	2518	Coal Creek, Tenn
Mar 11, 1884	Berean.....	2519	Charlottesville, Va
Mar 11, 1884	Mt Hope.....	2520	Warwick, Va
April 15, 1884	Eastern Beauty.....	2521	Greenville, Texas
April 15, 1884	San Antonio.....	2522	San Antonio, Texas
April 15, 1884	Victoria.....	2523	Victoria, Texas
April 15, 1884	Goliad.....	2524	Goliad, Texas
April 15, 1884	Buckeye.....	2525	Barnesville, Ohio
April 15, 1884	Rapides Progress.....	2526	Alexandria, La
April 15, 1884	Prince de Leon.....	2527	Newport News, Va
April 15, 1884	Youths of Darrowville.....	2528	Darrowville, Ia
April 15, 1884	St Mary's Flower.....	2529	Pattersonville, La

LODGE DISPENSATIONS GRANTED IN 1883-1884—CON- TINUED.

DISPENSATED	NAME OF LODGE	NO	LOCATED
May 12, 1884	Mountain Spring.....	2530	Lewistown, Pa
May 12, 1884	Monroe	2531	Bloomington, Ind
May 12, 1884	New Northwest.....	2554	Portland, Oregon
May 12, 1884	Mountain Cove.....	2555	Nuttalsburg, W.Va
May 12, 1884	Goshen	2556	Mechanicsburg, Ohio
May 12, 1884	White Water Valley.....	2557	Connorsville, Ind
May 12, 1884	Rapp. Academy.....	2558	Caroline Co., Va
May 12, 1884	South Boston.....	2559	South Boston, Va
May 12, 1884	Arabella Sons.....	2560	Milnes, Va
June 12, 1884	John F. Slater.....	2561	Smyrna, Del
June 12, 1884	Harriet Martineau.....	2562	New York City, N.Y
June 12, 1884	Higginsport.....	2563	Higginsport, Ohio
June 12, 1884	New Orphans.....	2564	Helena, Ark
June 12, 1884	Gleaners of Quina't.....	2565	Quinnimont, W.Va
June 12, 1884	Silver Key.....	2566	Duck Grund'y Mills, Va
July 14, 1884	Union Farm.....	2567	New Grand Chain, Ill
July 14, 1884	Virginia City.....	2568	Cleveland, Ohio
July 14, 1884	Mansfield Valley.....	2569	Mansfield Valley, Pa
July 14, 1884	Upshur	2570	Buchanan, W.Va
July 14, 1884	Plum Bayou.....	2571	Rob Roy, Ark
July 14, 1884	South St Louis.....	2572	South St Louis, Mo
Aug 11, 1884	Susquehanna	2573	Harrisburg, Pa
Sept 8, 1884	Williamston Bloom.....	2574	Williamston, N.C
Sept 8, 1884	Paterson	2575	Paterson, N.J
Sept 8, 1884	Cuero	2576	Cuero, Texas
Sept 8, 1884	Milton	2577	Crescent City, Fla
Sept 8, 1884	Waco Pledge	2578	Waco, Ky
Sept 8, 1884	Brookside	2579	Columbus, Ky
Sept 8, 1884	Palisade	2580	Englewood, N.J
Nov 10, 1884	West Chester.....	2581	West Chester, Pa
Nov 10, 1884	Touchstone.....	2582	Franklin, Texas
Nov 10, 1884	New Richmond.....	2583	New Richmond, Ohio
Nov 10, 1884	Grove Hill.....	2584	Gage's Corner, Tenn
Nov 10, 1884	Mount Paran.....	2585	Carmi, Ill
Nov 10, 1884	Sweet Home.....	2586	Mathew Station, N.C
Nov 10, 1884	Tallbottom.....	2587	Tallbottom, Ga
Nov 10, 1884	Evergreen Valley.....	2588	LaCygne, Kas
Nov 10, 1884	Morristown.....	2589	Morristown, Tenn
Nov 10, 1884	Upper Light.....	2590	Oskaloosa, Iowa
Nov 10, 1884	Ozan.....	2591	Mt Moriah Church, Ark
Nov 10, 1884	Stranger's Rest.....	2592	Crab Orchard, Ky
Nov 10, 1884	Green River.....	2593	Livermore, Ky
Dec 15, 1884	W. Sulphur Springs.....	2594	White Sulp Spgs, W.Va
Dec 15, 1884	Union Hill.....	2595	Sevierville, Tenn
Dec 15, 1884	Fish Dam.....	2596	Fish Dam, S.C
Dec 15, 1884	Jasper.....	2597	Carthage, Mo
Dec 15, 1884	Thomas A. Cheek.....	2598	Mt Pleasant, Iowa
Dec 15, 1884	Huntersville.....	2599	Huntersville, N.C
Dec 15, 1884	Queen of Terrell.....	2600	Terrell, Texas

LODGE DISPENSATIONS GRANTED IN 1883-1884.
CONCLUDED.

DISPENSATED	NAME OF LODGE	NO	LOCATED
Dec 15, 1884	Good Shepherd.....	2601	Cleburn, Texas
Dec 15, 1884	Mendon.....	2602	Fremont, N. C
Dec 15, 1884	Union Jarah.....	2603	Gainesville, Ga
Dec 15, 1884	Thomasville.....	2616	Thomasville, Ga
Dec 15, 1884	Point Isabella.....	2617	Somerset, Ky

WARRANTS FOR HOUSEHOLDS OF RUTH.

DATE	NO	LOCATED	DATE	NO	LOCATED
Jan 8, 1883	281	Carlisle, Ky	Nov 19, 1883	312	Muchakinock, Ia
Jan 8, 1883	282	New Bedf'd, Mass	Dec 10, 1883	313	Trenton, Tenn
Feb 12, 1883	283	Cambridge, Ohio	Dec 10, 1883	314	Bellaire, Ohio
Feb 12, 1883	284	Athens, Ohio	Jan 14, 1884	315	Chester, S. C
Feb 12, 1883	285	Winchester, Ky	Jan 14, 1884	316	Hartsville, Tenn
Feb 12, 1883	286	Union, S. C	Feb 11, 1884	317	Martin's Ferry, O
Mar 19, 1883	287	Hunson, N. Y	Feb 11, 1884	318	Augusta, Ga
Mar 19, 1883	288	Brownsville, Pa	Feb 11, 1884	319	La Grange, Mo
Mar 19, 1883	289	Hunt'don, W. Va	Feb 11, 1884	320	Yazoo City, Miss
Mar 19, 1883	290	Toronto, Canada	Feb 11, 1884	321	Arkadelphia, Ark
Mar 19, 1883	291	Jacksonville, Ill	Mar 11, 1884	322	Dixon Sta., Tenn
April 9, 1883	292	Sumter, S. C	Mar 11, 1884	323	Raynesville, Mo
April 9, 1883	293	Hearne, Texas	Mar 11, 1884	324	Humboldt, Tenn
May 14, 1883	294	Albany, N. Y	April 15, 1884	325	Jamestown, Ohio
May 14, 1883	295	Dardanelle, Ark	April 15, 1884	326	Flushing, N. Y
May 14, 1883	296	Nelsonville, Ohio	May 12, 1884	327	Edenburg, Ind
June 18, 1883	297	Ghent, Ky	May 12, 1884	328	Parkersb'g, W. Va
June 18, 1883	298	Franklin, La	May 12, 1884	329	Middleburg, Va
June 18, 1883	299	Plaquemine, La	June 12, 1884	330	Yonkers, N. Y
June 18, 1883	300	Gainesville, Texas	June 12, 1884	331	Atchinson, Kan
June 18, 1883	301	W. Phila., Pa	June 12, 1884	332	St. Michaels, Md
July 9, 1883	302	Tarboro, N. C	July 14, 1884	333	St. Thomas, W. I
July 9, 1883	303	Longview, Texas	Aug 11, 1884	334	Troy, Ohio
Aug 13, 1883	304	Friar's Point, Miss	Sept 8, 1884	335	Austin, Tex
Sept 10, 1883	305	San Antonio, Tex	Nov 10, 1884	336	Yayette, Md
Sept 10, 1883	306	Keene, Ky	Nov 10, 1884	337	Earlington, Ky
Oct 8, 1883	307	Media, Pa	Nov 10, 1884	338	Crawf'dsville, Ark
Oct 8, 1883	308	Rome, Ga	Nov 10, 1884	339	Des Moines, Iowa
Oct 8, 1883	309	Paris, Texas	Dec 15, 1884	340	Parsons, Kan
Nov 19, 1883	310	Greenville, Tex	Dec 15, 1884	341	Woodson, Ark
Nov 19, 1883	311	Laurensburg, N. C			

PAST GRAND MASTERS' COUNCIL WARRANTS.

DATE	COUNCIL	LOCATED
Mar 19, 1883	Warrant.....	75 Houston, Texas
Aug 13, 1883	Warrant.....	76 Knoxville, Tenn
Sept 10, 1883	Warrant.....	77 Beaufort, S.C
Nov 19, 1883	Warrant.....	78 Raleigh, N.C
Nov 19, 1883	Warrant.....	79 Paducah, Ky
Feb 11, 1884	Warrant.....	80 Augusta, Ga
May 12, 1884	Warrant.....	81 Winchester, Ky
May 12, 1884	Warrant.....	82 Zanesville, Ohio
June 12, 1884	Warrant.....	83 Jacksonville, Fla
Aug 11, 1884	Warrant.....	84 Hartford, Conn
Sept 8, 1884	Warrant.....	85 Springfield, Mo
Nov 10, 1884	Warrant.....	86 Springfield, Ill

PATRIARCHIE WARRANTS GRANTED.

DATE	NO	LOCATED
May 14, 1883	Warrant.....	28 Wheeling, W. Va
June 18, 1883	Warrant.....	29 Cincinnati, Ohio
July 9, 1883	Warrant.....	30 Williamsport, Pa
Oct 8, 1883	Warrant.....	31 Providence, R.I
Oct 8, 1883	Warrant.....	32 Dayton, Ohio
Dec 10, 1883	Warrant.....	33 Norfolk, Va
July 14, 1884	Warrant.....	34 Knoxville, Tenn
Nov 10, 1884	Warrant.....	35 Key West, Fla

CHAPTER XLII

THE FORTIETH SUB-COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT, 1885-1886.

Dispensations to institute 184 new Lodges, 94 Households, 10 Councils, and 9 Patriarchies, were granted by this Board.

During this term the Sub-Committee was incorporated as a body politic under the laws of Pennsylvania. The incorporators, or trustees are Bros. Hans Shadd, Wm. T. Simpson, Samuel O. Henson, Joshua B. Matthews, Robt. Jones and Richard Smythers, all of Philadelphia, Pa.

THE THIRD B. M. C.—38TH GENERAL MEETING.

Met in Musical Fund Hall, Philadelphia, Pa., October 5th. 209 delegates were in attendance and responded to roll call. The Chairman, M. V. P. Jas. S. Douglass, of Unity Lodge, No. 711, then introduced the Hon. William B. Smith, Mayor of the city of Philadelphia, who extended the hospitalities of the city to the delegates and their friends in the following words:

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen:

It is to me a pleasure which I much appreciate to have a few moments at my leisure to come in person to this body, representing as you do the States and Territories of the Union, and a rare who in the past, not to speak of the present, have had their difficulties and their surroundings not the most pleasant in the country. It is a pleasure to come here and welcome you, because that which brings you here is for the benefit of your people. I know enough to know that the work of the Order of Odd Fellows, as represented by the gentlemen who are before me, is a work which advances Christianity, elevates humanity and benefits the nation under which you live. There is but little in your labors but there is much good following in their train. You do in quiet that which could not be done in any other manner. On behalf of the city of Philadelphia, a city which has the honor and credit, a credit that can be given, that can be considered a city of homes, I welcome you here. I welcome you because of the institution you represent and because of the character of the noble men that you bring with you. I trust and hope that your sojourn here may be marked with every degree of happiness for yourselves. I trust that the brethren of the city of Philadelphia, true to the reputation of Brotherly Love, will impress you that you are not strangers while you are here. May they make your stay pleasant and not permit you to leave Philadelphia

without increasing in your hearts its reputation for fraternity, loyalty and good fellowship. (Loud applause.) I will only say to you on behalf of the city that all the institutions are open to you, and a good many of us hope you will not possess them. (Laughter and applause.) Nevertheless, in any thing that can be done for your pleasure and profit, I am sure that the citizens of Brotherly Love will not be wanting. If officially I can be of any service to you while you are here, I shall be glad to serve you. I only say that I hope your stay here will be as pleasant as you wish and that your return at no distant day will be as welcome to friendly societies as it is grateful to us. (Loud applause.)

Several important additions were made to the General Laws. The sessions concluded with the election of the S. C. of M. for 1887-88.

E. H. MORRIS, D. G. M. W. M. T. FORRESTER, G. M.
W. C. H. CURTIS, G. T. DAVID B. BOWSER, G. S.

DIRECTORS.

R. M. SMITH. A. B. LATTIMORE.
CHAS. B. WILSON. THOS. H. WRIGHT.

The B. M. C. parade, banquet and reception was the most imposing ever witnessed in America.

A graphic account of the closing exercises were reported for the *Philadelphia Inquirer* and we reproduce it here for the benefit of history:

(From the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, Friday, Oct. 8, 1886.)

A RED LETTER DAY IN THE ANNALS OF COLORED AMERICAN ODD FELLOWS.

Beginning with an Imposing Street Pageant and Closing With a Grand Ball at the Academy of Music.

Yesterday was a red-letter day in the history of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows in Philadelphia. This branch of Odd Fellows was organized in New York in 1843, through a dispensation from the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows in England. Its membership consists of people of African descent. They come from Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia, Ohio and from all the States of the South, including Texas and Florida, to join in the demonstration in honor of the session of the Third Biennial Moveable Committee.

The display was highly creditable to the Order and to its members who conducted its details so successfully. The route of the procession through the principal streets was crowded by the people of both colors. Thousands and tens of thousands of people greeted with appro-

bation and cheers the magnificent display. The marching of the Patriarchies was in good order, and their drilling along the line inspired much delight. The lodges also came in for a goodly portion of appreciation.

The Order was handsomely ornamented with regalia, and each Lodge, Council and Patriarchy carried a banner. The English colors were carried in the line, and the carriage containing the Grand Officers was trimmed with the English flag, in token to England for dispensating men of African descent after their request had been refused by American Odd Fellows. The day will long be remembered with pride by the members of the Order and the people of Philadelphia. The members have been generously greeted and graciously entertained.

ORDER OF PARADE.

The parade was under the direction of W. L. Underwood, Chief Marshal, and J. D. Allen, S. O. Henson, Chief Aids.

The order of procession was as follows:

FIRST DIVISION.

C. H. Hall, Division Marshal; Aids, I. C. Miller, E. Simmons, A. J. Dunn and J. D. K. Custis.

Four Patriarchs of Council No. 2, of Philadelphia, as an escort of honor, E. S. Pierce, Isaac Griffin, C. E. Berry and A. C. Wallace.

United States Cornet Band of Philadelphia.

Philadelphia Patriarchy, No. 1, David Joshua, Commander, 50 men in line; Pittsburg Patriarchy, No. 11, George A. Mossett, Commander, 25 men in line; Boston Patriarchy, No. 4, Henry A. Black, Commander, 35 men in line; Cambridge Patriarchy, No. 15, W. A. Smith, Commander, 15 men in line; Norfolk Patriarchy, No. 33, Andrew Smith, Commander, 17 men in line.

Carriage containing Grand Directors A. B. Lattimore, C. B. Wilson and T. Morris Chester.

Carriage with Grand Master W. M. T. Forrester, E. H. Morris, Deputy Grand Master, D. B. Bowser, Grand Secretary, and W. C. H. Curtis, Grand Treasurer.

Distinguished members of the Order in carriages: W. H. Wilson, F. R. Miller, C. D. Temple, J. C. Harris, Walter Green, B. V. Underwood, W. H. Smith, S. A. Jordan, W. T. Simpson, W. Jackson, Ex-District Master; J. B. Matthews, District Secretary; Joseph M. Stafford, James S. Douglass, Chairman of the Grand Committee of Arrangements; William Harris, C. Milford, Prof. William Howard Day, the Orator; W. S. Brown, the Chairman of the Grand Lodge; John W. Anderson, Vice-President; H. L. Holmes, Secretary, and N. J. Green, Chaplain.

SECOND DIVISION.

George W. Dawley, Division Marshal; Aids, Wm. H. Sykes, George H. Wilson and Joseph Stiles.

Philadelphia Lodge, 2751, Spencer Hartley, Marshal, 80 men.

Philadelphia Drum Corps, David Turner, Drum Major.

Equity Lodge, No. 1344, of Philadelphia, Henry Gaskill, Marshal, 45 men, with a little goat labeled, "Youth of Equity Lodge, 1344."

Germantown Harmonic Drum Corps.

Germantown Lodge, No. 2205, S. A. Williams, Marshal, 22 men.

Fidelity Lodge, No. 966, of Princeton, N. J., Edward Voorhees, Marshal, 12 men.

John E. Reyburn Drum Corps.

Fraternal Lodge, No. 893, of Philadelphia, Dyson Henderson, Marshal, 36 men; which was followed by a wagon ornamented with flags, in which was a goat and a number of boys with badges.

Keystone Lodge, No. 1546, united with Good Hope, No. 1422, of Philadelphia; John W. Esey, E. R. Martien and Wm. Johns, Marshals.

Americus Band, of Atlantic City.

Atlantic City Lodge, No. 1964, Isaac Roberts and E. W. Bailey, Marshals, 46 men.

Metropolitan Band.

Unity Lodge, No. 711, Sandy Matthews, Marshal, 21 men.

Liberty Flute and Drum Corps, of Darby.

Salem Lodge, No. 1361, of Darby, John W. Williams, Marshal, 21 men.

National Band, of Washington, D. C.

Green Mountain Lodge, No. 1477, accompanied by delegations from Lodges in the District of Columbia, H. Herbert, Marshal, 319 men.

Concordia Band.

Covenant Lodge, No. 895, of Philadelphia, with English and American flags, Willis Bird, Marshal, 56 men.

Palmyra Band, of New Jersey.

Mt. Olivet Lodge, No. 964, of Philadelphia, Fred. B. King, Marshal, 66 men.

St. Auburn Lodge, No. 1441, of Philadelphia, Wesley Williams, Marshal, 25 men.

THIRD DIVISION.

Wm. Mower, Division Marshal; Aids, J. Loper, S. Padayond, G. M. Logan.

Universal Cornet Band, of Wilmington, Del.

Brandywine Lodge, No. 1505, of Wilmington, Samuel Stanley, Marshal, 15 men.

Star of Bethlehem Lodge, No. 897, of Wilmington, Robert Jones, Marshal.

National Cornet Band, of Camden, N. J.

Enterprising Sons Lodge, No. 1413, of Camden, Samuel Blee, Marshal, 30 men.

Burlington Lodge, No. 2285, George Anderson, Marshal, 20 men.

Star of Liberty Lodge, No. 1002, of Snow Hill, N. J., Albert A. Collins, Marshal, 21 men.

Passaic Lodge, No. 815, of Newark, N. J., Lewis Coleman, Marshal, 15 men.

Felayer's Band.

Friendship Lodge, No. 898, Joseph Wood, Marshal, 120 men.

Hemming's Cornet Band, of Shillington.

Cumru Band, of Reading.

Jacobed Lodge, No. 1306, John Cornsh and A. L. Still, Marshals, 41 men.

State Capital Band, Hafrisburg.

Susquehanna Lodge, No. 2573, of Harrisburg, William Harley, Marshal, 26 men.

Brotherly Love Lodge, No. 896, of Harrisburg, Andrew C. Gray and Wm. Marshall, Marshals, 52 men.

Harrisburg Council, No. 7, 15 men.

Harrisburg Patriarchy, No. 5, 16 men.

Liberty Cornet Band, of West Chester.

Ten men with battle-axes.

Carthaginian Lodge, No. 901, of Philadelphia, Jno. Diton, Marshal, 80 men, followed by a goat in an ornamented wagon.

Terry Lodge, No. 900, of New York, Wm. H. Phillips, Marshal, 14 men.

San Manuel Lodge, No. 1794, of New York, composed of Spaniards who work in the Spanish language, Augustus Phillips, Marshal.

Philomathean Lodge, No. 646, of New York, the Mother Lodge of the Order in America, Geo. W. Matthews, Marshal, 51 men.

Independent Fife and Drum Corps, of Philadelphia.

Philadelphia Council, No. 2, 20 men.

Philadelphia Patriarchy, No. 1, 25 men; John D. Allen, Commander.

The procession proceeded to Musical Fund Hall, where Professor William Howard Day delivered an eloquent oration, confining himself to the early history of the Order, of which an account recently appeared in the "Inquirer." Professor Day was very enthusiastically applauded and congratulated upon its conclusion.

DRILL AND RECEPTION.

The competitive drill last evening at the Academy of Music between the Boston and New York Patriarchies, elicited much interest on the part of the friends of the rivals. The contest was decided in favor of Boston.

The New York Patriarchy did so well that they can afford to permit their rivals to enjoy the triumph.

After the drill the Academy was a scene of a remarkable display by the people of African descent. Hundreds gathered on the outside to see the guests enter, and thousands inside gazed with transfixed delight upon the dazzling scene. The grand march was led by Prof. James Augustus and lady.

•The ladies were tastefully and beautifully attired, glittering with diamonds and other jewels, and the gentlemen looked well in the glories of full evening costume.

The entire spectacle was animated and interesting, as showing what progress had been made by a race that had to contend with so many disadvantages. The display in the balcony, boxes and parquet circle was very fine and effective. Suffice it to say that the beauty and grace of Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia and vicinity were there, and the appearance and manner of all present indicated an advanced social status among the people of color.

All who participated seemed to immensely enjoy the occasion, which will be a memorable event in the history of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows.

The poetry of motion was continued to a very early hour in the morning.

LODGE DISPENSATIONS GRANTED IN 1885-1886

DISPENSATED.	NAME OF LODGE.	NO.	LOCATED
Jan 12, 1885	J. H. Diggs	2618	Fackler Station, Ala
Jan 12, 1885	Libertinus	2619	Haynes' Station, Ark
Jan 12, 1885	Front Royal	2620	Front Royal, Va
Jan 12, 1885	Waterford	2621	Waterford, Va
Jan 12, 1885	Johnson City	2622	Johnson City, Tenn
Feb 9, 1885	S. of Michigan	2623	Saginaw, Mich
Mar 9, 1885	Esto Perpetua	2624	Lancaster, Pa
Mar 9, 1885	H. of Rosedale	2625	Rosedale, La
Mar 9, 1885	Voz Magni	2626	Elkton, Ky
Mar 9, 1885	Ivory	2627	Suffolk, Va
April 13, 1885	Jonesville	2628	Jonesville, S. C
April 13, 1885	Orlando South	2629	Orlando, Fla
April 13, 1885	Milford	2630	Milford, Texas
April 13, 1885	Raritan	2631	New Brunswick, N. J
April 13, 1885	Hawthorne	2632	Rising Fawn, Ga
April 13, 1885	Elevation	2633	Marshall, Texas
April 13, 1885	Dulac	2634	Dulac, La
April 13, 1885	Beauregard	2635	Beauregard, Miss
May 11, 1885	Frankfort	2636	Frankfort, Ohio
May 11, 1885	Farmers' Glory	2637	Kelton, S. C
May 11, 1885	Flor del Ozama	2638	St. Domingo, W. I
June 9, 1885	Los Angeles	2639	Los Angeles, Cal
June 9, 1885	Lone But e	2640	Chico, Cal
June 9, 1885	Enterprise	2641	Enterprise, Fla
June 9, 1885	Thames	2642	New London, Conn
June 9, 1885	Liberty Grove	2643	Honey Grove, Texas
June 9, 1885	Corinth	2644	Corinth, Miss
June 9, 1885	Hope for All	2645	Raleigh, N. C
July 13, 1885	Gaffney	2646	Gaffney, S. C
July 13, 1885	Indianola	2647	Indianola, Texas
July 13, 1885	Jonestown	2648	Jonestown, Miss

LODGE DISPENSATIONS GRANTED IN 1885-1886.
TINUED.

DISPENSATED.	NAME OF LODGE.	NO.	LOCATION.
July 13, 1885	Goodwater	2649	Goodwater, Miss
July 13, 1885	Queen of Praries	2650	Okolona, Miss
July 13, 1885	Love and Union	2651	Friendship, Del
July 13, 1885	Virgin	2652	Macon, Ga
July 13, 1885	True Friendship	2653	Bridgeport, Ohio
Aug 10, 1885	S. of the Isthmus	2654	Panama, U.S. Columbia
Aug 10, 1885	Mount Lookout	2655	Williamsburg, Ky
Aug 10, 1885	Adairville	2656	Adairville, Ky
Aug 10, 1885	Bartholomew	2657	Monticello, Ark
Aug 10, 1885	Beautiful Leaves	2658	Newville, Md
Sept 21, 1885	New Home	2659	Skull Shoals, S. C
Sept 21, 1885	Britton's Neck	2660	Britton's Neck, S. C
Sept 21, 1885	Zach Chandler	2661	Detroit, Mich
Sept 21, 1885	R. B. Elliott	2662	Mt. Pleasant, Ohio
Sept 21, 1885	Rocks of Grand Gulf	2663	Grand Gulf, Miss
Sept 21, 1885	Pisgah	2664	Henderson, S. C
Sept 21, 1885	Lagrange Union	2665	Lagrange, Ga
Sept 21, 1885	Pleasant Ridge	2666	Meridian, Miss
Sept 21, 1885	Columbus	2667	Columbus, Miss
Sept 21, 1885	Montgomery	2668	Montgomery, Ala
Sept 21, 1885	Clinton	2669	Clinton, Ky
Oct 12, 1885	Golden Light	2670	Randallston, Md
Oct 12, 1885	Martin Luther	2671	City Point, Va
Oct 12, 1885	U. S. Grant	2672	Luray, Va
Oct 12, 1885	Swan Fleet	2673	Midway Mills, Va
Oct 12, 1885	Invincible	2674	Richmond, Va
Oct 12, 1885	Amarinth	2675	Vicksburg, Miss
Oct 12, 1885	Amite City	2676	Amite City, La
Oct 12, 1885	Gregory Town	2677	Gregory Town, Bah
Oct 12, 1885	Gurden	2678	Gurdon, Ark
Nov 9, 1885	Philanthropic	2679	Wheeling, Ala
Nov 9, 1885	Verona	2680	Verona, Miss
Nov 9, 1885	Rose and Thistle	2681	Gibson Station, N. C
Nov 9, 1885	Cadiz	2682	Cadiz, Ohio
Nov 9, 1885	Penetralia	2683	Holmesville, Miss
Nov 9, 1885	Osyka	2684	Osyka, Miss
Nov 9, 1885	Cypress Valley	2685	Cypress Valley, Ark
Nov 9, 1885	Jewel	2686	Millersburg, Ky
Dec 14, 1885	Alderson	2687	Alderson, W. Va
Dec 14, 1885	Ivy Creek	2688	Ivy Depot, Va
Dec 14, 1885	Faithful Friend	2689	Summerville, S. C
Dec 14, 1885	Honest Hand and Heart	2690	Shiloh, N. C
Dec 14, 1885	St. Tuck	2691	Tuckaman, Ark
Dec 14, 1885	Forrest City	2692	Forrest City, Ark
Dec 14, 1885	Tyler	2693	Tyler, Texas
Dec 14, 1885	Band of Hope	2694	Hillsboro, N. C
Dec 14, 1885	Pearl Branch	2695	La Grange, Ark
Dec 14, 1885	Forrest Home	2696	Lewisville, Texas
Dec 14, 1885	Lover's Leap	2697	Hinton, W. Va

LODGE DISPENSATIONS GRANTED IN 1885-1886—CON- TINUED.

DISPENSATED	NAME OF LODGE	NO	LOCATED
Dec 14, 1885	Oconee Union.....	2698	Milledgeville, Ga
Dec 14, 1885	Magus Cloribus.....	2699	Atlanta, Texas
Jan 11, 1886	Blackwell.....	2700	Blackwell, S. C
Jan 11, 1886	Valdosta.....	2701	Valdosta, Ga
Jan 11, 1886	City of Dexton.....	2702	Mound City, Ill
Jan 11, 1886	Union Hope.....	2703	Sikes Township, Va
Jan 11, 1886	McComb City.....	2704	McComb City, Miss
Jan 11, 1886	Brooksville.....	2705	Brooksville, Miss
Jan 11, 1886	Willowdale.....	2706	Willowdale, Ark
Jan 11, 1886	Mantanzos.....	2707	St. Augustine, Fla
Jan 11, 1886	Spring Lake.....	2708	Langville, Ark
Feb 8, 1886	Queenobog.....	2709	Putnam, Conn
Feb 8, 1886	R. S. of the West.....	2710	Concord, Fla
Feb 8, 1886	Southern Standard.....	2711	Ocala, Fla
Feb 8, 1886	Clyersville.....	2712	Spring Lake, Ark
Feb 8, 1886	Pisgah's Rock.....	2713	Redfield, Ark
Feb 8, 1886	Gem of Indiana.....	2714	Knightstown, Ind
Mar 9, 1886	Rendicon.....	2715	Havana, W. I
Mar 9, 1886	Cereal.....	2716	Stockton, Cal
Mar 9, 1886	Isaac Scott.....	2747	Baltimore, Md
Mar 9, 1886	Bright Light.....	2748	Gallatia, Ill
Mar 9, 1886	Satilla.....	2749	Jessup, Ga
April 12, 1886	Albany.....	2750	Albany, Texas
April 12, 1886	Philadelphia.....	2751	Philadelphia, Pa
April 12, 1886	Eagle's Wing.....	2752	Jonesborough, Tenn
April 12, 1886	Albertua.....	2753	Charleston, Mo
April 12, 1886	Iron City.....	2754	Pratt Mines, Ala
April 12, 1886	Canon.....	2755	Mt. Pleasant, Va
April 12, 1886	Sober Retreat.....	2756	Coatesville, Pa
May 10, 1886	Champaign.....	2757	Champaign, Ill
May 10, 1886	Macedonia.....	2758	Barrett's Neck, Va
May 10, 1886	Tar River.....	2759	Kittrell's, N. C
June 16, 1886	Green Cove.....	2760	Green Cove Spr'gs, Fla
June 16, 1886	Morean.....	2761	Bridgeport, Conn
June 16, 1886	Puritan.....	2762	Pueblo, Col
June 16, 1886	Clear Creek.....	2763	Fort McKinney, Texas
June 16, 1886	Albia.....	2764	Albia, Iowa
June 16, 1886	Cherokee.....	2765	Rusk, Texas
June 16, 1886	Sedalia.....	2766	Hamilton, Ohio
June 16, 1886	H. B. Curtis.....	2767	Mt. Vernon, Ohio
June 16, 1886	Spring City.....	2768	Huntsville, Ala
June 16, 1886	Mound Landing.....	2769	Mound Landing, Miss
June 16, 1886	Junction City.....	2770	Malvin, Ark
June 16, 1886	Elposo.....	2771	Colorado Springs, Col
June 16, 1886	Arm of Protection.....	2772	Providence, Ky
June 16, 1886	Chevoit.....	2773	Covington, Va
June 16, 1886	Eastville.....	2774	Eastville, Va
July 11, 1886	Mountain City.....	2775	Leadville, Col
July 11, 1886	Western Association.....	2776	Kirkwood, Mo

LODGE DISPENSATIONS GRANTED IN 1885-1886—CON-
TINUED.

DISPENSATED	NAME OF LODGE	NO	LOCATED
July 11, 1886	Oak City.....	2785	Tuscaloosa, Ala
July 11, 1886	Silver Wave.....	2786	Villa Ridge, Ill
July 11, 1886	Liberia.....	2787	Leavensworth, Kan
July 11, 1886	Pittsburg.....	2788	Pittsburg, Tex
July 11, 1886	Cede Deo.....	2789	Wrightsville, Ark
Aug 9, 1886	Beautiful Empire.....	2790	Frederick, Md
Aug 9, 1886	Wayne.....	2791	Richmond, Ind
Aug 9, 1886	Watauga.....	2792	Elizabethtown, Tenn
Aug 9, 1886	Myrtle Wreath.....	2793	Baton Rouge, La
Aug 9, 1886	Sweet Water.....	2794	McClenny, Fla
Aug 9, 1886	Orange Blossom.....	2795	Madison, Fla
Aug 9, 1886	Parke Union.....	2796	Rockville, Ind
Aug 9, 1886	Centerville.....	2797	Centerville, N. C
Aug 9, 1886	Henderson.....	2798	Henderson, Texas
Aug 9, 1886	Daytona.....	2799	Daytona, Fla
Aug 9, 1886	Ansonia.....	2800	Ansonia, Conn
Aug 9, 1886	United Friends.....	2801	Abingdon, Va
Sept 13, 1886	McFarland.....	2802	Washington, Pa
Sept 13, 1886	Hawkinsville.....	2803	Hawkinsville, Ga
Sept 13, 1886	Warrick.....	2804	Booneville, Ind
Sept 13, 1886	Springfield.....	2806	Springfield, Tenn
Sept 13, 1886	Doe River Flower.....	2807	Mountain City, Tenn
Sept 13, 1886	Fulton.....	2808	Fulton, Ky
Sept 13, 1886	Great West.....	2809	Hickman, Ky
Sept 13, 1886	Delaware.....	2810	Bridgetown, Del
Sept 13, 1886	Greenville Union.....	2811	Greenville, Ala
Oct 11, 1886	Rushville.....	2812	Rushville, Ind
Oct 11, 1886	Corpus Christi.....	2813	Corpus Christi, Texas
Oct 11, 1886	Peninsular.....	2814	Bay City, Mich
Oct 11, 1886	Edgewood.....	2815	Edgewood, Mo
Oct 11, 1886	John Brown.....	2816	Carthagenia, Ohio
Nov 8, 1886	Brook Haven.....	2817	Brookhaven, Miss
Nov 8, 1886	New Light.....	2818	Pass Christian, Miss
Nov 8, 1886	Cosett.....	2819	Stamping Ground, Ky
Nov 8, 1886	Davidsboro..... X	2820	Davidsboro, Ga
Nov 8, 1886	Franklin Carpenter.....	2821	Rising Sun, Ind
Nov 8, 1886	Yadkins.....	2822	Wilton, N. C
Nov 8, 1886	Silver Leaf.....	2823	Centerville, Tenn
Nov 8, 1886	Ko Komo.....	2824	Kokomo, Ind
Nov 8, 1886	Hope.....	2825	Linton, Ky
Nov 8, 1886	Progressive Eastern.....	2826	New York City, N. Y
Nov 8, 1886	Green Level.....	2827	Berlin, Va
Nov 8, 1886	Howardsville.....	2828	Howardsville, Va
Nov 8, 1886	Paradise.....	2829	Bloomington, Ill
Nov 8, 1886	Resolute.....	2830	Pochontas, Va
Dec 13, 1886	Western Kentucky.....	2831	Paducah, Ky
Dec 13, 1886	Ninescah.....	2832	Kingmon, Kan
Dec 13, 1886	Seville.....	2833	Seville, Fla
Dec 13, 1886	Eustis.....	2834	Eustis, Fla

LODGE DISPENSATIONS GRANTED IN 1885-1886—CON- CLUDED.

DISPENSATED	NAME OF LODGE	NO	LOCATED
Dec 13, 1886	Forrestville.....	2835	Forrestville, Md
Dec 13, 1886	Union Chapel.....	2836	Perrymans, Md
Dec 13, 1886	Waynesboro.....	2837	Waynesboro, Ga
Dec 13, 1886	Cave Spring.....	2838	Cave Springs, Ga
Dec 13, 1886	Junction.....	2839	Junction, Ill
Dec 13, 1886	Faithful Workers.....	2840	Prosperity, S.C
Dec 13, 1886	Newbury.....	2841	Bayou Sara, La

WARRANTS FOR HOUSEHOLDS OF RUTH.

DATE	NO	LOCATED	DATE	NO	LOCATED
Feb 9, 1885	342	Goshen, Ky	Nov 9, 1885	390	Newberry, S. C
Feb 9, 1885	343	New Castle, Ky	Nov 9, 1885	391	Bedford, Pa
Feb 9, 1885	344	Pine Bluff, Ark	Dec 12, 1885	3092	Ottumwa, Iowa
Feb 9, 1885	345	Sand Hill, Ark	Dec 14, 1885	393	Schulensb'h, Tex
Feb 9, 1885	346	Morgan City, La	Dec 14, 1885	394	Brazil, Ind
Feb 9, 1885	347	Decatur, Ill	Jan 11, 1886	395	Huntsville, Tex
Mar 9, 1885	347	Augusta, Ark	Jan 11, 1886	396	Lynn, Mass
Mar 9, 1885	349	S. Carrollton, Ky	Jan 11, 1886	397	Yorkville, S. C
Mar 9, 1885	350	Hamilton, Va	Feb 8, 1886	398	Bellefontaine, O
April 13, 1885	351	Montgomery, Ala	Feb 8, 1886	399	Tampa, Fla
April 13, 1885	352	Mayfield, Ky	Feb 8, 1886	400	Palatka, Fla
April 13, 1885	353	Sanford, Fla	Feb 8, 1886	401	Arlington, Va
April 13, 1885	354	Baltimore, Md	April 12, 1886	402	Fort Smith, Ark
April 13, 1885	355	Gettysburg, Pa	April 12, 1886	403	Germantown, Pa
April 13, 1885	356	Dalton, Ga	.....	404	.....
April 13, 1885	357	Algiers, La	.....	405	.....
May 11, 1885	358	Memphis, Tenn	June 16, 1886	406	Elkton, Md
May 11, 1885	359	Independence, Mo	June 16, 1886	407	Tallahassee, Fla
May 11, 1885	360	Lexington, Va	June 16, 1886	408	Peoria, Ill
June 9, 1885	361	Sherman, Texas	June 16, 1886	409	Crawf'dsville, Ind
June 9, 1885	362	Owensboro, Ky	June 16, 1886	410	London, Ohio
June 9, 1885	363	New Berne, Va	July 11, 1886	411	Terrell, Texas
June 9, 1885	364	Ripley, Ohio	July 11, 1886	412	Rockdale, Tex
July 13, 1885	365	Evanston, Ill	July 11, 1886	413	London, Tenn
July 13, 1885	366	Greenville, Miss	July 11, 1886	414	Wash't'n C.H., O
July 13, 1885	367	San Antonio, Tex	July 11, 1886	415	Cedarville, Ohio
July 13, 1885	368	Hanesville, Md	Aug 9, 1886	416	Crescent City, Fla
July 13, 1885	369	Ivor, Va	Aug 9, 1886	417	Atlantic City, N.J
July 13, 1885	370	St. George, W.I	Aug 9, 1886	418	Knightsville, Ind
Aug 10, 1885	371	Osage City, Kan	Sept 13, 1886	419	Charlestown, Ind
Aug 10, 1885	372	Birmingham, Ala	Sept 13, 1886	420	Midway, Ky
Aug 10, 1885	373	Victoria, Texas	Sept 13, 1886	421	Neosho, Mo
Aug 10, 1885	374	Maysville, Ky	Sept 13, 1886	422	Booneville, Mo
Aug 10, 1885	375	Pine Hill, Ky	Sept 13, 1886	423	Livermore, Ky
Aug 10, 1885	376	Denver, Col	Oct 11, 1886	424	Texarkana, Ark
Aug 10, 1885	377	Johns'nv'e, Tenn	Oct 11, 1886	425	Rob Roy, Ark



OFFICERS' JEWELS,
for the Household of Ruth, G. U. O. of O. F., in America.

WARRANTS FOR HOUSEHOLDS OF RUTH—CONCLUDED.

DATE	NO	LOCATED	DATE	NO	LOCATED
Aug 10, 1885	378	Holly Sp'gs, Miss	Oct 11, 1886	426	Flemingsburg, Ky
Sept 21, 1885	379	Cotton Gin, Tex	Oct 11, 1886	427	Nassau, N.P., Bah
Sept 21, 1885	380	Patersonville, La	Nov 8, 1886	428	E. Attleboro, Mass
Sept 21, 1885	381	Napoleonville, La	Nov 8, 1886	429	Rendville, Ohio
Sept 21, 1885	382	Columbus, Ky	Nov 8, 1886	430	Rockport, Ind
Sept 21, 1885	383	Cockeysville, Md	Dec 13, 1886	431	Fayetteville, Tenn
Oct 12, 1885	384	Jefferson, Texas	Dec 13, 1886	432	Water Val., Miss
Oct 12, 1885	385	Goliad, Texas	Dec 13, 1886	433	Statesville, N.C
Oct 12, 1885	386	Greenville, Texas	Dec 13, 1886	434	Jamesville, N.C
Nov 9, 1885	387	Buckannon, WV	Dec 13, 1886	435	Durham, N.C
Nov 9, 1885	388	La Grange, Tenn	Dec 13, 1886	436	Bayou Boueff, La
Nov 9, 1885	389	Galesburg, Ill			

PAST GRAND MASTERS' COUNCIL WARRANTS.

DATE	NO	LOCATED
Jan 12, 1885	Warrant.....	87 Charlottesville, Va
Mar 9, 1885	Warrant.....	88 Frankfort, Ky
April 13, 1885	Warrant.....	89 Montgomery, Ala
June 9, 1885	Warrant.....	90 Crawfordsville, Ark
July 13, 1885	Warrant.....	91 Keokuk, Iowa
July 13, 1885	Warrant.....	92 Atlanta, Ga
Mar 9, 1886	Warrant.....	93 San Francisco, Cal
May 10, 1886	Warrant.....	94 St Thomas, W.I
May 10, 1886	Warrant.....	95 San Antonio, Texas
Sept 13, 1886	Warrant.....	96 Cynthiana, Ky
Dec 13, 1886	Warrant.....	97 Carlisle, Ky

PATRIARCHY WARRANTS.

DATE	NO	LOCATED
Nov 9, 1885	Warrant.....	36 Jacksonville, Fla
Nov 9, 1885	Warrant.....	37 Mobile, Ala
Nov 9, 1885	Warrant.....	38 Savannah, Ga
Jan 11, 1886	Warrant.....	39 Pittsburg, Pa
April 12, 1886	Warrant.....	40 Montgomery, Ala
April 12, 1886	Warrant.....	41 Frankfort, Ky
June 16, 1886	Warrant.....	42 Georgetown, D.C
June 16, 1886	Warrant.....	43 Winchester, Ky
Sept 13, 1886	Warrant.....	44 Raleigh, N.C
Dec 13, 1886	Warrant.....	45 Lexington, Ky

CHAPTER XLIII.

THE FORTY-FIRST SUB-COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT, 1887-1888.

198 dispensations for new Lodges, 190 warrants for new Households, eighteen for new Councils and eleven for Patriarchies were granted during this term.

March 12, 1888, the first Lodge in Montana Territory was granted its dispensation; title, Silver Bow Lodge, 2989, Butte City.

THE FOURTH B. M. C.—39TH GENERAL MEETING.

The Thirty-ninth General Meeting of the Order convened in Nashville, Tenn., November 27, 1888. On account of the yellow fever epidemic in the South the meeting was postponed from October to this date. 159 delegates were present.

WELCOME ADDRESSES.

After the delegates were seated the chairman of the Grand Committee arose and said that the delegates had been allowed to assemble in the Capitol by the courtesy of the State Officials, and that it was but fitting that we should hear a welcome address from Governor Taylor. He then introduced Governor Taylor, of Tennessee, who spoke as follows:

It is my duty to extend to you a hearty welcome on behalf of the Commonwealth of Tennessee.

I believe you are engaged in a glorious work. In this secret Order much good may be done, for it unites men in the bonds of Friendship, Love and Truth. It is a grand thing for men to be brought together by such principles, and it always proves well. I am an Odd Fellow, and have seen the beauties of Odd Fellowship. I have seen it do acts which have drawn me closer to my fellow-men, and I hope you shall be drawn together so as to benefit yourselves and others.

As the Governor of the State of Tennessee, with the citizens of the State, I desire to see the colored people educated to enable them to perform all the duties in the sphere in which they move.

I hope your meeting will not only be pleasing and happy to you, but a blessing to all.

The Mayor of Nashville, C. P. McCarver, was next introduced. He spoke as follows:

I have not come to make a speech, but to extend the hand of welcome, by the wish of your committee.

I think you have come here to consider the interest of your people, and also to do good. I hope you God-speed. I have the pleasure of knowing that your committee has brought together the good, the educated, and the able men of your race, coming as you do from all parts of the country, and I hope you will succeed in accomplishing the objects for which you have assembled.

In behalf of the colored people of our city, I welcome you to our Capitol, and hope when you go to your homes in the North and West that you will tell your people that we are not only interested in the white people, but also in the colored people of the country.

M. V. P. J. W. Grant, on behalf of the Order, then delivered the following address of welcome:

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Worthy Members of the Sub-Committee of Management, Worthy Representatives of the Fourth Biennial Congress of the G. U. O. of O. F. in America:

Ladies and Gentlemen:—As the representatives of the Grand Committee of Management, to me has fallen the very pleasant duty and high privilege of extending to each and to all of you a most cordial greeting.

In behalf of the Governor and Legislature of our State, by whose kindness and courtesy we assemble in this beautiful Capitol, in behalf of the brethren and sisters, and in behalf of the citizens generally, we bid you a hearty welcome to the city of Nashville.

Although our meeting has been delayed by one of those unforeseen and dire calamities which fall ever and anon across our plans and expectations, we are glad now to welcome you to our city, to our hearts and homes. We gratefully acknowledge the high compliment you have paid us in selecting our city for the sitting of this fourth B. M. C. in America. We receive you with open arms, hoping that your visit to us shall be so pleasant and enjoyable that through the coming years your minds will revert to these scenes with most pleasurable sensations, causing you to return to us some time in the future. With hearts overflowing with joy we hail this auspicious day and you. It marks an epoch in the history of Odd Fellowship in this city, and is the third step in the ladder of our progress in this Southland. This is the third time you have convened in the legislative halls of the South.

Athens lit her flaming torch of wisdom at the altars of Olympian Jove, and sent its effulgent light into the dark wilderness of the earth, and it has shone down through the mists of time, driving the gloom and superstition of the nations before it as vapor is driven before the morning sun. You stand to-day, worthy representatives, on Mars' Hill of the New Athens. Like Athens of old she laughs among her vine-clad, rocky hills, and sings with her gentle murmuring streams. The joyous laugh and shout of her thousands of children are heard along the highways to her seats of learning. Walk about her; go round about her; tell the towers thereof. Mark ye well her bulwarks, and consider her places of learning, that ye may tell it to the generations following. We invite you to visit her schools of learning, especially

Fisk and Roger-Williams Universities and Central Tennessee College. They are light-houses, warning our sons and daughters off the breakers along the path of their life's voyage. We assemble to-day under the light of half a century of Odd Fellowship in America. Coming from North, East, South, and West, to counsel together for the benefit of half a million of our brethren and their families, we shall need that light and experience. Let us remember that the spirits of our departed venerable patriarchs and past grand officers are about us, admonishing us to noble deeds. They fell devoted but undying.

You cannot dam up or corrupt the streams that flow from the fountain of eternal truth; nor can you check or turn aside the aspirations of the true man seeking to better his status in society. The man of lofty soul yearns not only to elevate himself but to leave a goodly heritage to his fellow-men. Peter the Hermit felt this inspiration when he took it as his life-work to redeem the Holy Sepulchre from the hand of the infidel. Ignatius and Joan of Arc were moved by a like impulse to give their lives for the amelioration of the condition of their followers. So, laying aside personal interests and self aggrandizement, may we have come together to legislate for the good of our fellow-men.

Duty calls; it is ours to obey. Where we stand to-day heroes and patriots of other days have stood, who, laying their lives upon the altar of their country, have gone forth at duty's call to do or die. We stand to-day as monuments to a greater heroism than their's. This noble Order had its American birth amid those struggles which brought forth a nation in a day. What hath God wrought? Under the masterly stroke of the god of battles to-day master and former slave sit side by side in this hall, and by their united voice we are here. The institution which stood like a mighty giant in the pathway of our eternal principles tottered and fell before the avenging sword of offended justice, and lo! from his blood has sprung a real goddess of universal liberty, and upon her teachings our Order grows and flourishes. We teach the principles of religion, virtue, and economy; therefore the nations delight to do us honor. By the golden links we bind all men in one brotherhood, with God our Father. The truth and power of our tenets ramify the world, impelling men everywhere to deeds of love and kindness.

Truth crushed to earth shall rise again,
The eternal years of God are hers;
But error wounded writhes in pain,
And dies among his worshippers.

The sisters of Ruth, with golden sheaves and garlands fair,
Come forth with smiles to greet you here.

As the weary, worn toiler, returning from the harvest greets his loved ones at the door, so they come forth to meet you with happy greetings and homelike cheer.

So welcome, welcome again, thrice welcome, we say,
May the angels of light record the events of this day.

And now, Most Worshipful Grand Master, in behalf of the Governor and Legislature of our State, the Grand Committee of Management, and the brethren of Nashville and of the whole State of Tennessee, I present you the keys of this hall of legislation, with the hope that your deliberations may be characterized by the most beautiful harmony, that they may redound to the honor of this B. M. C. and the whole Order, both now and to the remotest time.

Grand Master W. M. T. Forrester delivered an able address. (See official proceedings.)

One unimportant proposition was adopted at this meeting.

The following were chosen to constitute the S. C. of M. for 1889-90.

W. M. T. FORRESTER, G. M. D. B. BOWSER, G. S.
C. B. WILSON, D. G. M. W. C. H. CURTIS, G. T.

GRAND DIRECTORS.

I. S. TUPPINS. JNO. W. ANDERSON.
J. W. GRANT. W. S. COOPER.

LODGE DISPENSATIONS GRANTED IN 1887-1888.

DISPENSATED	NAME OF LODGE	NO	LOCATED
Jan 10, 1887	St Charles.....	1842	Hahnville, La
Jan 10, 1887	Quitman.....	2843	Quitman, Ga
Jan 10, 1887	Wabbaseka.....	2844	Wabbaseka, Ark
Jan 10, 1887	Savannah Valley.....	2845	Mount Carmel, S.C
Jan 10, 1887	Wadley.....	2846	Wadley, Ga
Jan 10, 1887	Sulphur Spring.....	2847	Sweet Horne, Ark
Jan 10, 1887	Snake Island.....	2848	Hamilton, Ark
Jun 10, 1887	Equal Rights.....	2849	Crawfordsville, Ark
Jan 10, 1887	Freeman.....	2850	Windsor, Canada
Jan 10, 1887	Thronateeska.....	2851	Bainbridge, Ga
Jan 10, 1887	Summerville.....	2852	Summerville, S.C
Jan 10, 1887	E. Carribean.....	2853	Manchioneal, W.I
Jan 10, 1887	Three Links.....	2854	Altzheimer, Ark
Feb 14, 1887	Findlay.....	2855	Findlay, Ohio
Feb 14, 1887	Buchtel.....	2862	Buchtel, Ohio
Feb 14, 1887	Green Tree.....	2863	Coahoma Landing, Tenn
Feb 14, 1887	Concord.....	2864	Concord, Tenn
Feb 14, 1887	Great Bend.....	2865	Great Bend, Kas
Feb 14, 1887	National.....	2866	Atchison, Kas
Mar 14, 1887	Happy Home.....	1867	Elkton, Md
Mar 14, 1887	Rock Creek.....	2868	Rock Creek, Md
Mar 14, 1887	DeLand.....	2869	DeLand, Fla
Mar 14, 1887	Olleaf.....	2870	Argyle, Fla
Mar 14, 1887	Ronceverte.....	2871	Ronceverte, W. Va

LODGE DISPENSATIONS GRANTED IN 1887-1888—CONTINUED.

DISPENSATED	NAME OF LODGE	NO	LOCATION
Mar 14, 1887	Canvasso	2872	Bank Blount, Tenn
Mar 14, 1887	Plummersville.....	2873	Plummersville, Ark
April 18, 1887	Beacon Light.....	2874	Columbus, Ohio
April 18, 1887	Young Men's Guide.....	2875	Metropolis, Ill
April 18, 1887	Living Hope.....	2876	White Stone, Va
April 18, 1887	St Anthony.....	2877	Minneapolis, Minn
April 18, 1887	Hope of Lebanon.....	2878	Lebanon, Tenn
May 23, 1887	New Annex.....	2879	Pine Bluff, Ark
May 23, 1887	Central Beauty.....	2880	Farmersville, Texas
May 23, 1887	Norwalk.....	2881	Norwalk, Conn
May 23, 1887	Felicity	2882	Felicity, Ohio
June 13, 1887	Salina.....	2883	Salina, Kas
June 13, 1887	Terrene	2884	Terrene Miss
June 13, 1887	Bardwell.....	2885	Bardwell, Ky
June 13, 1887	Sycamore.....	2886	Carrsville, Va
June 13, 1887	Ponchatoula.....	2887	Ponchatoula La
July 11, 1887	Sour Water.....	2888	Sulphur Springs, Texas
July 11, 1887	Camp of Peace.....	2889	Poplar Springs, Md
July 11, 1887	Montezuma.....	2890	Las Vegas, N.M
July 11, 1887	Triune.....	2891	Birmingham, Ala
July 11, 1887	Savannah	2892	Savannah, Ga
July 11, 1887	Oak Plain.....	2893	Lancaster C.H., Va
July 11, 1887	Uyaskins Union.....	2894	Tyaskins, Md
July 11, 1887	Hazzard Hill.....	2895	Allapaha, Ga
Aug 8, 1887	Union League.....	2896	Noblesville, Ind
Aug 8, 1887	Searcy.....	2897	Searcy, Ark
Aug 8, 1887	Golden Metal.....	2898	Birk City, Ky
Aug 8, 1887	Devaul.....	2899	Lebanon, Ind
Aug 8, 1887	Blackstock.....	2900	Blackstock, S.C
Aug 8, 1887	Southern Leaders.....	2901	Neals Landing, Fla
Sept 12, 1887	Warsaw.....	2902	Warsaw, Ky
Sept 12, 1887	Abbeville.....	2903	Abbeville, S.C
Sept 12, 1887	Model.....	2904	Anniston, Ala
Sept 12, 1887	St George.....	2905	St George's Md
Sept 12, 1887	Home of the West.....	2906	Wichita, Kas
Sept 12, 1887	Winton	2907	Winton, N.C
Sept 12, 1887	Nolachukey	2908	Limestone, Tenn
Sept 12, 1887	Pruitt Hill.....	2909	Pruitt Hill, Tenn
Sept 12, 1887	Old Dominion.....	2910	Providence Forge, Va
Sept 12, 1887	Fountain of Love.....	2911	Williamsburg, Va
Oct 10, 1887	Cosmopolitan.....	2935	Kansas City, Mo
Oct 10, 1887	Arapahoe.....	2936	Denver, Col
Nov 14, 1887	Chaplain	2937	Perryville, Ky
Nov 14, 1887	Golden Crown.....	2938	Commercial Point, Ky
Nov 14, 1887	Calhoun	2939	Calhoun, Ky
Nov 14, 1887	Stanford.....	2940	Stanford, Ky
Nov 14, 1887	High Cliff.....	2941	Nyack, N. Y
Nov 14, 1887	Bloom of Life.....	2942	Birds Point, Mo
Nov 14, 1887	Sand Pit.....	2943	Sand Pit, S. C
Nov 14, 1887	Carolina.....	2944	St. George's, S. C

LODGEDISPENSATIONS GRANTED IN 1887-1888—CON-
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DISPENSATED	NAME OF LODGE	NO	LOCATION
Nov 14, 1887	Titusville.....	2945	Titusville, Fla
Nov 14, 1887	Putnam	2946	Leesburg, Fla
Nov 14, 1887	Tuskegee	2947	Tuskegee, Ala
Nov 14, 1887	Starkville	2948	Starkville, Miss
Nov 14, 1887	Paris Beauty.....	2949	Paris, Texas
Nov 14, 1887	Wilkes County.....	2950	Washington, Ga
Nov 14, 1887	Love of Freedom.....	2951	Atlanta, Ga
Nov 14, 1887	Social Circle.....	2952	Social Circle, Ga
Nov 14, 1887	Brilliant Light.....	2953	Urbanna, Va
Nov 14, 1887	Charles City.....	2954	Westover, Va
Nov 14, 1887	Wakefield	2955	Wakefield, Va
Dec 14, 1887	Idlewild.....	2956	Newburn, Tenn
Dec 14, 1887	Sandy Hook.....	2957	Harmony, Va
Dec 14, 1887	Golden Brotherhood.....	2958	Lee's Mill, N. C
Dec 14, 1887	Hardenville	2959	Hardenville, S. C
Dec 14, 1887	Chetopa.....	2963	Chetopa, Kan
Dec 14, 1887	Purity	2964	Greenwood, Miss
Dec 14, 1887	Grand Fount.....	2965	Green Hill, Miss
Dec 14, 1887	Crawford.....	2966	Crawford, Miss
Dec 14, 1887	Tyre.....	2967	Glendale, Miss
Dec 14, 1887	Phillips Bayou.....	2968	Phillips Bayou, Miss
Jan 9, 1887	Reliable	2970	Durham, N. C
Jan 9, 1888	Orange City.....	2971	Orange City, Fla
Jan 9, 1888	Colebrookdale.....	2972	Governor's Harbor, W.I
Jan 9, 1888	McLean	2973	Sacramento, Ky
Jan 9, 1888	Winona.....	2974	Mount Tarbor, S. C
Jan 9, 1888	Madison Enterprise.....	2975	Madison, Ga
Jan 9, 1888	Patience.....	2976	Patterson, Ga
Jan 9, 1888	Light of Egypt.....	2977	Egypt, Ga
Jan 9, 1888	New River Valley.....	2978	Fire Creek, W. Va
Jan 9, 1888	High Rock.....	2979	Clifton Forge, Va
Jan 9, 1888	Whiteville.....	2980	Whiteville, Va
Feb 13, 1888	Columbus Banner.....	2981	Columbus, Ind
Feb 13, 1888	Winyah.....	2982	Georgetown, S. C
Feb 13, 1888	Level	2983	Harvesburgh, Ohio
Feb 13, 1888	Gadson.....	2984	Chattahoochee, Fla
Feb 13, 1888	Augusta.....	2985	Augusta, Ga
Feb 13, 1888	White Noke.....	2986	Hicks' Wharf, Va
Mar 12, 1888	Portsmouth	2987	Middletown, Pa
Mar 12, 1888	Orphan.....	2988	Barnville, Ga
Mar 12, 1888	Silver Bow.....	2989	Butte City, Mont
Mar 12, 1888	Queen of the East.....	2990	East Jacksonville, Fla
Mar 12, 1888	Early York	2991	Charleston, Ark
Mar 12, 1888	Spring Creek.....	2992	Spring Creek, Ark
April 9, 1888	Ambler.....	2993	Ambler, Pa
April 9, 1888	Dickerson	2894	Pulaski, Tenn
April 9, 1888	Sequachee.....	2995	South Pittsburg, Tenn
May 14, 1888	Eastman.....	2996	Eastman, Ga
May 14, 1888	Thomaston.....	2997	Thomaston, Ga
May 14, 1888	San Marcos.....	2998	San Marcos, Tex

LODGE DISPENSATIONS GRANTED IN 1887-1888—CONTINUED.

DISPENSATED	NAME OF LODGE	NO	LOCATED
May 14, 1888	Advance.....	2999	Elizabeth, Pa
May 14, 1888	Stockton.....	3000	Stockton, Ga
May 14, 1888	Fort Valley.....	3001	Fort Valley, Ga
May 14, 1888	Hold Fast.....	3002	Danville, Ill
May 14, 1888	Logia.....	3003	Ibor City, Tampa, Fla
May 14, 1888	Reapers Stone Cliff.....	3004	Stone Cliff, W. Va
May 14, 1888	Flower of the West.....	3005	Newton, Kan
May 14, 1888	Greensboro Enterprise.....	3006	Greensboro, Ga
May 14, 1888	Dandridge Home.....	3007	Dandridge, Tenn
June 14, 1888	Gloster.....	3008	Gloster, Miss
June 14, 1888	Gem of Mississippi.....	3009	Eudora, Miss
June 14, 1888	Torch of Wisdom.....	3010	Asbury Park, N. J
June 14, 1888	Astatula.....	3011	Orange Bend, Fla
June 14, 1888	Gasbelt.....	3012	Munice, Ind
June 14, 1888	Pearl City.....	3013	Gadsden, Ala
June 14, 1888	Chauncey.....	3022	Chauncey, Ga
June 14, 1888	Glynn.....	3023	Brunswick, Ga
June 14, 1887	Western Empire.....	3024	Pilot Point, Texas
June 14, 1888	York Light.....	3025	Hampton, Va
June 14, 1888	Lone Light.....	3026	Pulaski, Va
July 16, 1888	Champion Binder.....	3027	Springfield, Ohio
July 16, 1888	Rutledge.....	3028	Rutledge, Tenn
July 16, 1888	Mossy Creek.....	3029	Mossey Creek, Tenn
July 16, 1888	Lithonia.....	3030	Lithonia, Ga
July 16, 1888	Pilgrims House.....	3031	Chattanooga, Tenn
July 16, 1888	Gascona.....	3032	Razo Station, Ark
July 16, 1888	Richland.....	3033	Columbia, S. C
July 16, 1888	Defiance.....	3034	Johnston, S. C
July 16, 1888	Union Sheaves.....	3035	Conway, S. C
July 16, 1888	Plankitunk.....	3036	Cobb's Creek, Va
July 16, 1888	Bright Eagle.....	3037	Homitage, Va
July 16, 1888	Athema.....	3038	Althirmer, Ark
July 16, 1888	Corner Stone.....	3039	Corner Stone, Ark
Aug 13, 1888	Alachua.....	3040	Gainsville, Fla
Aug 13, 1888	Cotton Wood.....	3041	Cotton Wood, Texas
Aug 13, 1888	Romulus.....	3048	Penn. Fla
Aug 13, 1888	Brass City.....	3049	Waterbury, Conn
Aug 13, 1888	Central City.....	3050	Selma, Ala
Aug 13, 1888	Queen of Georgia.....	3051	Atlanta, Ga
Aug 13, 1888	King of Georgia.....	3052	Augusta, Ga
Sept 10, 1888	Hamburg.....	3053	Hamburg, S. C
Sept 10, 1888	Bluff City.....	3054	Clinton, Iowa
Sept 10, 1888	David's.....	3055	Long Bay, Bahamas
Sept 10, 1888	Meridan Home.....	3056	Meridan, Miss
Sept 10, 1888	Saratoga.....	3057	Saratoga, N. Y
Sept 10, 1888	Captola.....	3058	Captola, Ga
Sept 10, 1888	Perseverancia.....	3059	Habanosa, Cuba, W. I
Oct 15, 1888	White Pine.....	3060	White Pine, Tenn
Oct 15, 1888	Tullahoma.....	3061	Tullahoma, Tenn
Oct 15, 1888	Pine Wood.....	3062	Pinewood, Tenn

LODGE DISPENSATIONS GRANTED IN 1887-1888—CON- CLUDED.

DISPENSATION	NAME OF LODGE	NO	LOCATED
Oct 15, 1888	New England.....	3063	Quincy, Fla
Oct 15, 1888	Bevier.....	3064	Bevier, Mo
Oct 15, 1888	Winona.....	3065	Winona, Miss
Oct 15, 1888	Seven Hills.....	3066	Rome, Ga
Oct 15, 1888	Camilla.....	3067	Camilla, Ga
Oct 15, 1888	Buchanan.....	3068	Buchanan, Va
Oct 15, 1888	Beauty of Surry.....	3069	Walls Bridge, Va
Nov 1, 1888	Hazel Twig.....	3070	Tuscumbia, Ala
Nov 4, 1888	Morganton Crown.....	3071	Morganton, N.C
Nov 4, 1888	Estrella Puerto Platena.....	3072	Puerto Plata, S. Domin
Nov 14, 1888	Birmingham.....	3073	Pittsburg, Pa
Nov 14, 1888	Shorter.....	3074	Jefferson, Ga
Nov 14, 1888	Classic City.....	3075	Athens, Ga
Nov 14, 1888	Wrightsville.....	3076	Wrightsville, Ga
Nov 14, 1888	McDonough.....	3077	McDonough, Ga
Nov 14, 1888	McRea.....	3095	McRea, Ga
Nov 14, 1888	Senoia.....	3096	Senoia, Ga
Nov 14, 1888	Burrowsville.....	3097	Burrowsville, Va
Dec 14, 1888	New Era.....	3098	West Newton, Pa
Dec 14, 1888	Maysville.....	3099	Maysville, Cal
Dec 14, 1888	Golden Belt.....	3100	Abelena, Kas
Dec 14, 1888	Monticello Light.....	3101	Monticello, Ga
Dec 14, 1888	Industrial Legion.....	3102	Frankfort, Ky

WARRANTS FOR HOUSEHOLDS OF RUTH.

DATE	Σ	LOCATED	DATE	Σ	LOCATED
Jan 10, 1887	437	N. G. Chain, Ill	May 23, 1887	456	McKinney, Texas
Jan 10, 1887	438	Savanah, Ga	May 23, 1887	457	Atlanta, Ga
Jan 10, 1887	439	Way Cross, Ga	May 23, 1887	458	Oakland, Cal
Jan 10, 1887	440	Johnson City, Tenn	May 23, 1887	459	Clinton, Ky
Jan 10, 1887	441	Amite City, La	May 23, 1887	460	Knoxville, Tenn
Feb 14, 1887	442	Washington, D. C	May 23, 1887	461	Detroit, Mich
Feb 14, 1887	443	L. Maitland, Fla	May 23, 1887	462	Mt. Pleasant, O
Feb 14, 1887	444	Cleveland, Iowa	June 13, 1887	463	Enterprise, Fla
Feb 14, 1887	445	Doyleston, Ohio	July 11, 1887	464	Burlington, N.J
Mar 14, 1887	446	Rockwood, Tenn	July 11, 1887	465	Charleston, W. Va
Mar 14, 1887	447	Pine Bluff, Ark	July 11, 1887	466	N. London, Conn
Mar 14, 1887	448	Milton, Fla	July 11, 1887	467	Wilson, N. C
April 18, 1887	449	Surry C.H., Va	July 11, 1887	468	Perry, Ga
April 18, 1887	450	Warwick C.H., Va	July 11, 1887	469	Wilkes Barre, Pa
April 18, 1887	451	Goodson, Va	July 11, 1887	470	Symrna, Ark
April 18, 1887	452	Mt. Vernon, Ind	Aug 8, 1887	471	Richmond, Ind
April 18, 1887	453	LaFayette, Ind	Sept 21, 1887	472	Jonestown, Miss
April 18, 1887	454	Providence, Ky	Sept 12, 1887	473	Barnesville, Ohio
April 18, 1887	455	Somerset, Ky	Sept 12, 1887	474	S. Charleston, O

WARRANTS FOR HOUSEHOLDS OF RUTH—CON- CLUDED.

DATE	N	LOCATED	DATE	N	LOCATED
Oct 10, 1887	475	Jacksonville, Fla	May 14, 1888	520	Cameron, Tex
Oct 10, 1887	476	Osyka, Miss	May 14, 1888	521	Turnersville, Ky
Oct 10, 1887	477	Camden, Ark	May 14, 1888	522	Nuttallburg, W. Va
Oct 10, 1887	478	Washington, Ark	May 14, 1888	523	Bridgeton, N. J
Oct 10, 1887	479	Monongahela, Pa	May 4, 1888	524	Kelton, S. C
Nov 14, 1887	480	Adairville, Ky	May 14, 1888	525	Edenton, N. C
Nov 14, 1887	481	Knightstown, Ind	June 14, 1888	526	Annapolis, Md
Nov 14, 1887	482	Marlton, N. J	June 14, 1888	527	N. Pr'vid'ct Tenn
Nov 14, 1887	483	Leavenworth, Kan	June 14, 1888	528	Princeton, N. J
Nov 14, 1887	484	Orangeburg, S. C	June 14, 1888	529	Jessup, Ga
Nov 14, 1887	485	Elgin, Ill	June 14, 1888	530	Charleston, Mo
Nov 14, 1887	486	Litchfield, Ky	June 14, 1888	531	Raleigh, N. C
Nov 14, 1887	487	Jonesboro, Tenn	June 14, 1888	532	Shoe Heel, N. C
Nov 14, 1887	488	Oil City, Pa	June 14, 1888	533	Kokomo, Ind
Nov 14, 1887	489	Pittsburg, Pa	June 14, 1888	534	Marion, Ind
Dec 14, 1887	490	M'tgomery, W. Va	July 16, 1888	535	Gordonsville, Va
Dec 14, 1887	491	Mound City, Ill	July 16, 1888	536	Metropolis, Ill
Dec 14, 1887	492	Christiana, Pa	July 16, 1888	537	Morristown, Tenn
Dec 14, 1887	493	Cecilton, Md	July 16, 1888	538	Stockton, Cal
Dec 14, 1887	494	Townson, Md	July 16, 1888	539	Fort Scott, Kan
Dec 14, 1887	495	Cleveland, Tenn	July 16, 1888	540	Rockville, Ind
Jan 9, 1888	496	Elizabeth C'y, N. C	July 16, 1888	541	Chuckatuck, Va
Jan 9, 1888	497	Champaign, Ill	July 16, 1888	542	Norfolk, Va
Jan 9, 1888	498	Topeka, Kan	July 16, 1888	543	Evansville, Ind
Jan 9, 1888	499	Norwich, Conn	Aug 13, 1888	544	Leavenworth, Kan
Jan 9, 1888	500	Fish Dam, S. C	Aug 13, 1888	545	Grenada, Miss
Jan 9, 1888	501	Newport, R. I	Sept 10, 1888	546	Henderson, N. C
Feb 13, 1888	502	Tigerville, La	Sept 10, 1888	547	Augusta, Ga
Feb 13, 1888	503	Batesville, Ark	Sept 10, 1888	548	Brunswick, Ga
Feb 13, 1888	504	Mansfield, Va	Sept 10, 1888	549	Omaha, Neb
Feb 13, 1888	505	Winsboro, S. C	Sept 10, 1888	550	Vickville, Va
Feb 13, 1888	506	Washington, Ohio	Oct 15, 1888	551	Americus, Ga
Mar 12, 1888	507	Kennett Sq., Pa	Oct 15, 1888	552	Concord, Fla
Mar 12, 1888	508	Mount. City, Tenn	Oct 15, 1888	553	St. Paul, Minn
Mar 12, 1888	509	Santa Fe, N. M	Oct 15, 1888	554	Secret Home, Ark
Mar 12, 1888	510	Darien, Ga	Oct 15, 1888	555	Ponchatoula, La
Mar 12, 1888	511	Great Band, Kan	Oct 15, 1888	556	Newport News, Va
Mar 12, 1888	512	Findley, Ohio	Oct 15, 1888	557	Smithfield, Va
Mar 12, 1888	513	McCalmont, Ark	Nov 14, 1888	558	McMinnville, Tenn
April 4, 1888	514	Coatesville, Pa	Nov 14, 1888	559	Dixon, Ky
April 4, 1888	515	Albany, Ga	Nov 14, 1888	560	Drivers, Va
April 4, 1888	516	Pensecola, Fla	Dec 14, 1888	561	Los Angeles, Cal
April 4, 1888	517	Eastville, Va	Dec 14, 1888	562	Covington, Va
May 14, 1888	518	Bloomington, Ill	Dec 14, 1888	563	Gloucester, Va
May 14, 1888	519	Hickman, Ky			

PAST GRAND MASTERS' COUNCIL WARRANTS.

DATE	NO	LOCATED
April 18, 1887	Warrant.....	98 Bellview, Ohio
April 18, 1887	Warrant.....	99 Atchinson, Kas
May 23, 1887	Warrant.....	100 Danville, Va
June 13, 1887	Warrant.....	101 Detroit, Mich
July 11, 1887	Warrant.....	102 Atlantic City, N.J
Sept 1, 1887	Warrant.....	103 Wilkesbarre, Pa
Nov 1, 1887	Warrant.....	104 Rendville, Ohio
Nov 1, 1887	Warrant.....	105 Haverhille, Mass
Dec 14, 1887	Warrant.....	106 Mt Sterling, Ky
Mar 12, 1888	Warrant.....	107 Pensacola, Fla
Feb 13, 1888	Warrant.....	108 Columbus, Ga
Feb 13, 1888	(Duplicate of 108)	
May 14, 1888	Warrant.....	110 Maysville, Ky
May 14, 1888	Warrant.....	111 Richmond, Ind
July 16, 1888	Warrant.....	112 Kingston, Jamaica, W.I
Aug 13, 1888	Warrant.....	113 Kansas City, Mo

PATRIARCHIE WARRANTS GRANTED.

DATE	NO	LOCATED
May 23, 1887	Warrant.....	46 Chattanooga, Tenn
June 13, 1887	Warrant.....	47 Urbana, Ohio
June 13, 1887	Warrant.....	48 Paducah, Ky
July 11, 1887	Warrant.....	49 Little Rock, Ark
July 11, 1887	Warrant.....	50 St Louis, Mo
Dec 14, 1887	Warrant.....	51 Zanesville, Ohio
Jan 9, 1887	Warrant.....	52 Atlanta, Ga
July 16, 1887	Warrant.....	53 Wilkesbarre, Pa
Oct 15, 1887	Warrant.....	54 San Francisco, Cal

CHAPTER XLIV.

THE FORTY-SECOND SUB-COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENT, 1889-1890.

This Board authorized the institution of 213 new Lodges, 134 new Households, 24 new Councils, and 7 new Patriarchies.

January 14, 1890. Wyoming Territory (now a State) received its first dispensation; title, Cheyenne Lodge, 3106, Cheyenne.

On the same date authority was given to plant the standard of Odd Fellowship on the "Dark Continent" at Marshall, Liberia, Africa; style and title, Africanus Lodge 3108.

March 13, 1890. A dispensation was granted to open Puget Sound Lodge, No 3211, at Tacoma, Washington, the first in that State.

THE FIFTH B. M. C.—40TH GENERAL MEETING.

Met at Atlanta, Ga., October 7—216 delegates were present. The welcome addresses were delivered by Hon. Jno. T. Glenn, Mayor of that city, and by Hon. Hoke Smith, the present Secretary of the Interior (1894), at Washington, D. C. Mr. Smith at that time was editor of the *Atlanta Journal* and foremost member of the Atlanta legal fraternity.

THE MAYOR'S ADDRESS.

Honorable Patriarchs, Members, Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have had so much trouble by sickness in my family that I am not prepared to make the speech which I should like to make. But I shall say to you that the people of both colors bid you welcome. We think it is proper to invite you to our city. I now say that you can not be permitted to come to any city, north or south, east or west, where you could be safer from any kind of annoyance, and I say this because I want to make you understand that in no place are the relations between the two races more complaisant than right here. Your people who live here know it is so. We are glad to have your people here. It is to our interest to live together in peace and harmony. It is better to live thus and keep down strife. You all know and we know that all the people of your race and my race do not belong to church, or Sunday school, or to any order, and are bad people. But good people want to see everything done that is right. We do not want to send you away and you cannot send us away. The best for all of us is to do our duty and let God do the rest. I tell you that you will not be

troubled and if anyone interferes with you let me know. I say it as the Mayor and as a citizen. Mr. Smith, who is present, I know will agree with me. Mr. Smith is a splendid orator. He will speak to you and I know he will please you. I shall now give way to Mr. Smith. Again extending to you a welcome to Atlanta, I bid you adieu.

HON. HOKE SMITH'S ADDRESS.

"When a few minutes ago, Mr. Glenn and I were sitting in the U. S. Court room, and the members of your committee for the second time asked him to come here immediately, he asked me to come with him, and informed me that it was said outside of the city, 'that we were opposed to your coming here,' I thought it was time for some of the white people to come down here and talk with you. We know your Order is not a political Order. The position of your race must be based on citizenship. Of course we are glad to see you here. You came as an Order representing the colored race. The bulk of your Order is in the South, and what develops your people develops the country we love. When we help to develop the colored man we help to develop the country and bring you nearest to us. Of course, there will be some friction, you cannot help it, but it should be the duty of every white man to try to prevent it. The source from which a greater part of the trouble on both sides comes, is a little too much whiskey. All trouble may be traced to the fact that some one has done things to bring it on. You must do all you can to help your race, and we want to help in the struggle to educate your children. You must do what you can in your homes for the patronage of the public schools. We want you to understand that your interest is linked with ours and can not be broken. There is no man in any party who is so identified with the colored man as he who lives right among you. I should be opposed to the South if I did not wish to see you prosper. I want to say to the delegates that we have a class of colored men who have put their hands to work, and there are to-day among them many who own their own stores and other property and run their own business, and as a white man, I am proud of them. I want to say that your rights will be protected on the streets of the city of Atlanta as much as ours. We want you to feel that anything you can do to help these people, you will help us, and we shall be proud of it. Let us hope for the best and try to suppress strife. There is no limit to the resources of the section in which we live. We have agricultural opportunities of which no other section can boast. You know that the colored man does most of that kind of work, and hence furnishes us the labor and products upon which depend our future greatness. So let us all do what we can to promote the happiness of the two races and never court the folly of those people who try to move you from the country which you love to any other place, but let us work for the interest of all."

Eastern Star Lodge 1028, Washington, D. C., offered a series of propositions for the improvement of the workings of the District Lodges. They were all adopted. (See Official Proceedings of 1890.)

This meeting adopted a proposition to permit the Grand Officers to bear credentials as delegates to all General Meetings

of the Order; also to make it the duty of the Grand Master to preside. This was a radical departure from a practice that had obtained since the year of 1844.

These were chosen to constitute the S. C. of M. for 1891-92.

W. M. T. FORRESTER, G. M. D. B. BOWSER, G. S.
CHAS. B. WILSON, D. G. M. W. C. H. CURTIS, G. T.

GRAND DIRECTORS.

JOHN W. ANDERSON. J. W. GRANT.
JOHN HARMON. C. H. BROOKS.

LODGE DISPENSATIONS GRANTED IN 1889-1890.

DISPENSATED.	NAME OF LODGE.	NO.	LOCATION.
Jan 14, 1889	Edgewood.....	3103	Lake Helen, Fla
Jan 14, 1889	Armond.....	3104	Armond, Fla
Jan 14, 1889	Wabash.....	3105	Vincennes, Ind
Jan 14, 1889	Cheyenne.....	3106	Cheyenne, Wyo
Jan 14, 1889	Des Moines River.....	3107	Keokuk, Iowa
Jan 14, 1889	Africanus.....	3108	Marshall, Liberia, Afr
Jan 14, 1889	Edgefield.....	3109	Edgefield, S.C
Jan 14, 1889	Beautiful Junction.....	3110	Martin, Tenn
Jan 14, 1889	Jellico Mountain.....	3111	Jellico, Tenn
Jan 14, 1889	Mount Centre.....	3112	Mt Pleasant, Tenn
Jan 14, 1889	Staunch Sons of Delaware.....	3113	Delaware, Va
Jan 14, 1888	Churchland.....	1314	Churchland, Va
Feb 11, 1889	Auburn.....	3115	Varner, Ark
Feb 11, 1889	Tarpon Springs.....	3116	Tarpon Springs, Fl
Feb 11, 1889	St Sebastian.....	3117	St Augustine, Fla
Mar 13, 1889	Hand-in-Hand.....	3118	York, Pa
Mar 13, 1889	Swan Lake.....	3119	Decatur, Ala
Mar 13, 1889	Troy.....	3120	Troy, Ala
Mar 13, 1889	Summers.....	3121	Kirkville, Iowa
Mar 13, 1889	Billow Vicar.....	3122	Carrollton, Ga
Mar 13, 1889	Lexington Enterprise.....	3123	Lexington, Ga
Mar 13, 1889	Empire.....	3124	Rochester, N.Y
Mar 13, 1889	Lake Shore.....	3125	Loraine, Ohio
Mar 13, 1889	Chosen Brothers.....	3126	Hawthorn, Fla
Mar 13, 1889	Rocky Spring.....	3127	Wilton, N.C
Mar 13, 1889	Waukena.....	3128	Monticello, Fla
Mar 13, 1889	Bay View.....	3129	Burger's Store, Va
April 8, 1889	Fort Pillow.....	3130	Trenton, N.J
April 8, 1889	Morris Spring.....	3131	Morristown, N.J
April 8, 1889	Ottawa.....	3132	Ottawa, Kas
April 8, 1889	Comet.....	3134	Lancaster C.H., Va
May 13, 1889	Purity.....	3135	Liberty, Miss
May 13, 1889	Cary.....	3136	Cary, Miss
May 13, 1889	Lula.....	3137	Lula, Miss

LODGE DISPENSATIONS GRANTED IN 1889-1890—CON- TINUED.

DISPENSATED.	NAME OF LODGE.	NO.	LOCATED
May 13, 1889	Baxter.....	3138	Baxter, Ark
May 13, 1889	Lemon.....	3139	Antioch, Fla
May 13, 1889	New Era.....	3140	Florence, Ala
May 13, 1889	Prolific.....	3141	Deer Creek, Ala
May 13, 1889	Albuquerque.....	3142	Albuquerque, N. Mex
June 13, 1889	Pennsylvania.....	3143	Philadelphia, Pa
June 13, 1889	Camden Enterprise.....	3144	Camden, S.C
June 13, 1889	Adelanto.....	3145	Villa-de-Guanajoy, Cuba
June 13, 1889	Blue Stone.....	3146	Bramwell, W. Va
June 13, 1889	Martin View.....	3147	Lumber City, Ga
June 13, 1889	Greenwillow.....	3148	Steam Mill, Ga
June 13, 1889	Union Square.....	3149	Cape Charles City, Va
June 13, 1889	North Hampton.....	3150	North Hampton, Va
July 8, 1889	Macon.....	3151	Macon, Miss
July 8, 1889	Manatee.....	3152	Manatee, Fla
July 8, 1889	Hampton.....	3153	Hampton, Ga
July 8, 1889	Union.....	3154	Atlanta, Ga
July 8, 1889	Butts.....	3155	Jackson, Ga
July 8, 1889	Tuppins.....	3156	Jeffersonville, Ohio
Aug 12, 1889	Zuriel.....	3157	McKeesport, Pa
Aug 12, 1889	Beaver Valley.....	3158	New Brighton, Pa
Aug 12, 1889	Delaware City.....	3159	Delaware City, Del
Aug 12, 1889	Argus.....	3160	Red Bank, N.J
Aug 12, 1889	Grove Park.....	3161	Grove Park, Fla
Aug 12, 1889	Island Lake.....	3162	Island Lake, Fla
Aug 12, 1889	Acadia.....	3163	St Johns, N.B., Canada
Aug 12, 1889	Mystery's Link.....	3164	Mt Pleasant, S.C
Aug 12, 1889	Good Friends.....	3165	Grafton, Va
Sept 13, 1889	Mc Holly.....	3166	Mount Holly, Pa
Sept 13, 1889	Fairmount.....	3167	Somerset, Md
Sept 13, 1889	Luz de Samana.....	3168	Samana, W.I
Sept 13, 1889	Flint River.....	3169	Oglethorpe, Ga
Sept 13, 1889	Pious.....	3170	Fort Payne, Ala
Sept 13, 1889	Pythias.....	3171	Fort Payne, Ala
Oct 14, 1889	Loyal.....	3172	Steubenville, Ohio
Oct 14, 1889	Van Alstyne.....	3173	Van Alstyne, Texas
Oct 14, 1889	Zane.....	3174	Zanesville, Ohio
Oct 14, 1889	Citra.....	3175	Citra, Fla
Oct 14, 1889	Thorny Grove.....	3176	Ivsville, Ark
Oct 14, 1889	Gibson.....	3177	Princeton, Ind
Oct 14, 1889	Chapel Hill.....	3178	Chapel Hill, Texas
Oct 14, 1889	Cumberland Valley.....	3179	Barboursville, Ky
Nov 13, 1889	Lemon.....	3180	Port Liman, W.I
Nov 13, 1889	Glory of Kentucky.....	3181	Falmouth, Ky
Nov 13, 1889	Pleasant Springs.....	3182	Red Springs, N.C
Nov 13, 1889	Beauty of the Morning.....	3183	Rowland, N.C
Nov 13, 1889	Orphan Boy.....	3184	Fulton, Mo
Nov 13, 1889	Clio.....	3185	Fayette, Miss
Nov 13, 1889	Ridge.....	3186	Sherman, Miss
Nov 13, 1889	Malboro.....	3187	Bennettsville, S.C

LODGE DISPENSATIONS GRANTED IN 1889-1890—CONTINUED.

DISPENSATED	NAME OF LODGE	NO	LOCATED
Nov 13, 1889	Baldwin Enterprise.....	3188	Milledgeville, Ga
Nov 13, 1889	Friends of Peace.....	3189	Jonesboro, Ga
Nov 13, 1889	Summit.....	3190	Akron, Ohio
Nov 13, 1889	Obion Home.....	3191	Troy, Tenn
Dec 16, 1889	Milner.....	3192	Milner, Ga
Dec 16, 1889	Morgan.....	3193	Madison, Ga
Dec 16, 1889	Rainey's.....	3194	Rainey's, Ark
Dec 16, 1889	Tallawanda.....	3195	Oxford, Ohio
Dec 16, 1889	St. Joe.....	3196	South Bend, Ind
Dec 16, 1889	Centre.....	3197	Tatum Station, S.C
Dec 16, 1889	Richwood.....	3198	Tomberlin, Ark
Dec 16, 1889	Hand of Friendship.....	3199	Miller's Crossing, Ark
Dec 16, 1889	Protection.....	3200	Savannah, Ga
Dec 16, 1889	Arrock.....	3201	Arrock, Mo
Jan 13, 1890	True Workers.....	3202	Graniteville, S.C
Jan 13, 1890	Fountain Academy.....	3203	Aiken, S.C
Jan 13, 1890	Newton.....	3204	Newton, Miss
Jan 13, 1890	United Laborers.....	3205	Newport, Del
Jan 13, 1890	Lonoke.....	3206	Lonoke, Ark
Jan 13, 1890	Noah's Ark.....	3207	Fort Bayard, N.M
Jan 13, 1890	Regent.....	3208	Gum Swamp, Va
Jan 13, 1890	America J. Ross.....	3209	Toledo, Ohio
Jan 13, 1890	Help of Man.....	3210	Saslaras, Va
Mar 13, 1890	Puget Sound.....	3211	Tacoma, Wash
Mar 13, 1890	Ovideo.....	3212	Ovideo, Fla
Mar 13, 1890	Friendly.....	3213	Half Way Tree, W.I
Mar 13, 1890	Camden.....	3214	Tompkins, Ga
Mar 13, 1890	Ajax.....	3215	Blakley, Ga
Mar 13, 1890	Centralia.....	3216	Centralia, Ill
Mar 13, 1890	Algerris.....	3217	Algerris, Miss
Mar 13, 1890	Bag Dad.....	3218	Bagdad, Ky
Mar 13, 1890	Youghiogeny.....	3219	New Haven, Pa
Mar 13, 1890	Due West.....	3220	Due West, S.C
Mar 13, 1890	Crystal River.....	3221	Leesmount, Fla
Mar 13, 1890	Lawtey.....	2222	Lawtey, Fla
Mar 13, 1890	Dayton.....	3223	Dayton, Tenn
Mar 13, 1890	Opelika.....	3224	Opelika, Ala
Mar 13, 1890	Roanoke.....	3225	Roanoke City, Va
Mar 13, 1890	Sandy Bottom.....	3226	Sandy Bottom, Va
Mar 13, 1890	Elizabeth.....	3227	Phoebus, Va
April 14, 1890	Stuttgart.....	3228	Stuttgart, Ark
April 14, 1890	Laconia.....	3229	Laconia, Ark
April 14, 1890	Farmer's Friend.....	3230	Grannette City, N.C
April 14, 1890	Clements.....	3231	Abbeyville, Ga
April 14, 1890	Woodstock.....	3232	Woodstock, Va
April 14, 1890	Eastern Shore.....	3233	Eastville, Va
April 14, 1890	Greek Valley.....	3234	Mt Zion Church, Ala
April 14, 1890	Lake City.....	3235	Lake City, Fla
April 14, 1890	Palatine.....	3236	Adgers, Ala
April 14, 1890	Trinity.....	3237	Warrior, Ala



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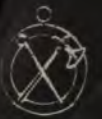
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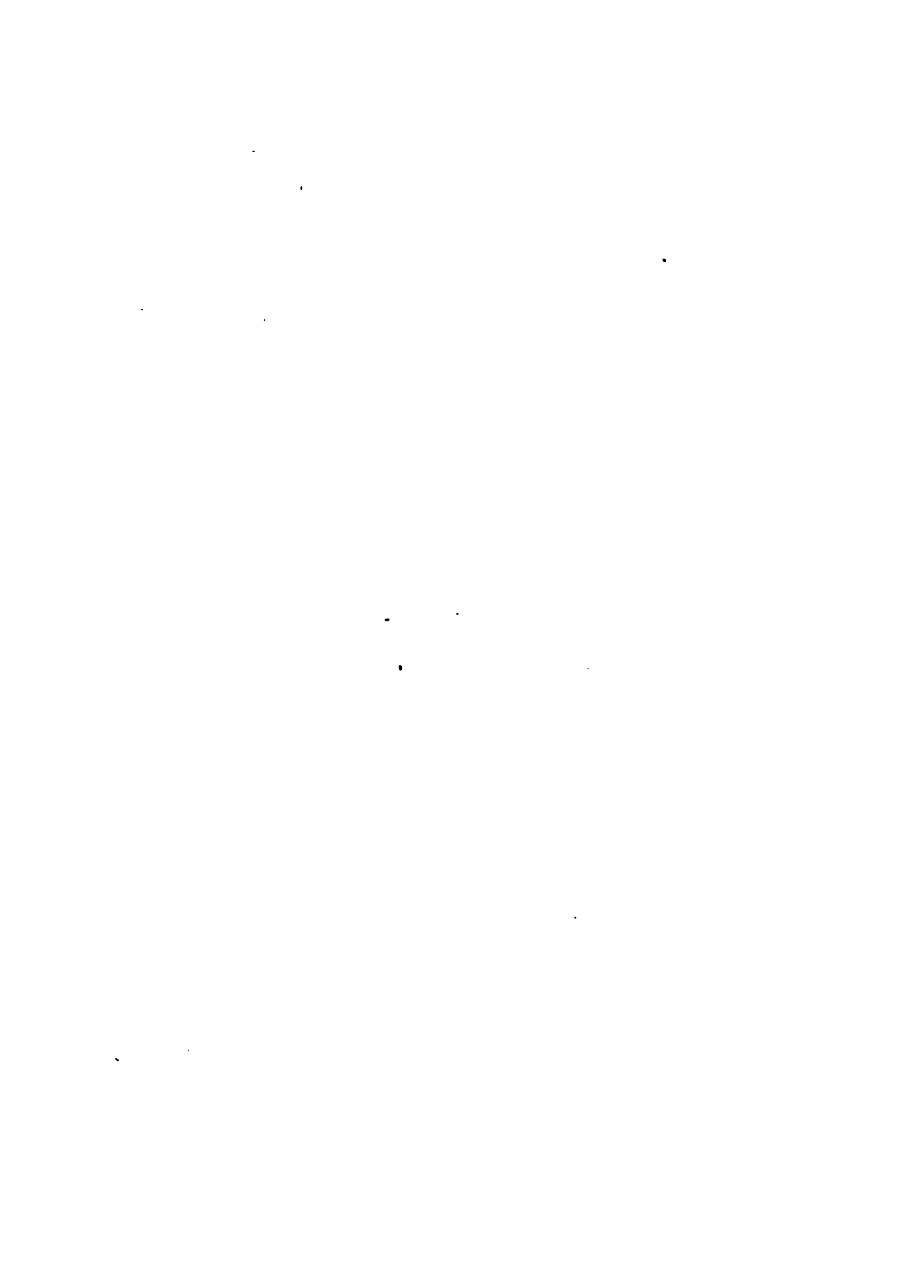


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OFFICERS' JEWELS,
for the Household of Ruth, G. U. O. of O. F., in America.



LODGE DISPENSATIONS GRANTED IN 1889-1890—CONTINUED.

DISPENSATED	NAME OF LODGE	NO	LOCATED
April 14, 1890	N. State.....	3238	Charlotte, N.C
April 14, 1890	Little Erie.....	3239	Sandusky, Ohio
April 14, 1890	Dorchester.....	3240	Summerville, S.C
April 14, 1890	Ros.yn.....	3241	Roslyn, Wash
May 16, 1890	Lamott.....	3242	La Mott, Pa
May 16, 1890	Royal Oak.....	3243	New Bedford, Mass
May 16, 1890	Pineville.....	3244	Pineville, Ky
May 16, 1890	Hercules.....	3245	Wilmington, Del
May 16, 1890	Trenton.....	3246	Trenton, S.C
May 16, 1890	Thurber.....	3247	Thurber, Texas
May 16, 1890	Covington Enterprise.....	3248	Covington, Ga
May 16, 1890	Talladega.....	3249	Talladega, Ala
May 16, 1890	Pulaski.....	3250	Cochran, Ga
May 16, 1890	Montezuma.....	3251	Montezuma, Ga
May 16, 1890	Franktown.....	3252	Franktown, Va
May 16, 1890	Little Zion.....	3253	Smithfield, Va
May 16, 1890	Norfolk.....	3254	Norfolk, Va
May 16, 1890	John Wesley.....	3255	Newton, Pa
June 9, 1890	Townshend.....	3256	Shawneetown, Ill
June 9, 1890	Greenland.....	3257	Greenland, Fla
June 9, 1890	Welaka.....	3258	Welaka, Fla
June 9, 1890	Warrington.....	3259	Warrington, Fla
June 9, 1890	Bardstown.....	3260	Bardstown, Ky
June 9, 1890	Henderson.....	3261	Henderson, Ky
Aug 25, 1890	Ty Ty.....	3262	Ty Ty, Ga
Aug 25, 1890	Eatonton.....	3263	Eatonton, Ga
Aug 25, 1890	Obediah.....	3264	Culloden, Ga
Aug 25, 1890	Modock.....	3265	Modock, S.C
Aug 25, 1890	Massillon.....	3266	Massillon, Ohio
Aug 25, 1890	Lochbie.....	3267	Lochbie, Fla
Aug 25, 1890	Midville.....	3268	Midville, Ga
Aug 25, 1890	Valley City.....	3269	Madison, Ind
Aug 25, 1890	Chaires.....	3270	Chaires Station, Fla
Aug 25, 1890	Millwood.....	3271	Reddick, Fla
Aug 25, 1890	St Nicholas.....	3272	St Nicholas, Fla
Aug 25, 1890	Beaming Gate.....	3273	Clarksburg, W. Va
Aug 25, 1890	Bosley Rock.....	3274	Bosley, N.C
Aug 25, 1890	Beautiful Gate.....	3275	Horse Creek, A a
Aug 25, 1890	White Wright.....	3276	White Wright, Texas
Aug 25, 1890	D. of Three Sisters.....	3277	Greytown, S. A
Aug 25, 1890	Whaleyville.....	3278	Whaleyville, Va
Oct 14, 1890	Golconda.....	3279	Golconda, Ill
Oct 14, 1890	Gorum Willow.....;	3280	Mt Vernon, Ill
Oct 14, 1890	Bluff Creek.....	3281	Anthony, Kas
Oct 14, 1890	Anniston.....	3282	Anniston, Ala
Oct 14, 1890	Twin City.....	3283	Winston, N.C
Oct 14, 1890	Sea Side.....	3284	Long Branch, N.J
Oct 14, 1890	Sparr.....	3285	Sparr, Fla
Oct 14, 1890	Million Spring.....	3286	Lotus, Ga
Oct 14, 1890	Toccoa.....	3287	Toccoa, Ga

LODGE DISPENSATIONS GRANTED IN 1889-1890—CON- CLUDED.

DISPENSATED	NAME OF LODGE	NO	LOCATED
Oct 14, 1890	Bond of Vineon.....	3288	Marion, N. C
Oct 14, 1890	Lawrence.....	3289	Monticello, Miss
Oct 14, 1890	Iona.....	3290	Ravenna, Ohio
Oct 14, 1890	Dame's Quarter.....	3291	Dame's Quarter, Md
Oct 14, 1890	Wendermere.....	3292	Savannah Sound, W. I
Oct 14, 1890	Mt Gibson.....	3293	Gordon Station, Ala
Oct 14, 1890	Bridgeton.....	3294	Bridgeton, Va
Oct 14, 1890	Cocoa.....	3325	Cocoa, Fla
Nov 13, 1890	Westmoreland.....	3326	Greensburg, Pa
Nov 13, 1890	Beachwood.....	3327	Plano, Texas
Nov 13, 1890	Missouri Valley.....	3328	Carrollton, Mo
Nov 13, 1890	New Madrid.....	3329	New Madrid, Mo
Nov 13, 1890	Pacelet.....	3330	Pacelet, S C
Nov 13, 1890	Cumberland.....	3331	Fayetteville, N. C
Nov 13, 1890	Silver Spring.....	3322	West Asheville, N. C
Nov 13, 1890	Blue Bridge.....	3333	Blocton, Ala
Nov 13, 1890	Mountain Brothers.....	3334	Kane, Pa
Nov 13, 1890	Chattanooga.....	3335	Chattanooga, Tenn
Nov 13, 1890	Bullock.....	3336	Kenton, Tenn
Nov 13, 1890	East City.....	3337	East Nashville, Tenn
Nov 13, 1890	E. E. Bennett.....	3338	Brocton, Mass
Dec 11, 1890	Sparrow Point.....	3339	Sparrow Point, Md
Dec 11, 1890	Banner of Liberty.....	3340	La Fayette, Ala
Dec 11, 1890	Eden.....	3341	Americus, Ga
Dec 11, 1890	Benevolence.....	3342	Benevolence, Ga
Dec 11, 1890	Marshallville.....	3343	Marshallville, Ga
Dec 11, 1890	Stone Mountain.....	3344	Stone Mountain, Ga

WARRANTS FOR HOUSEHOLDS OF RUTH.

DATE	NO	LOCATED	DATE	NO	LOCATED
Jan 14, 1889	564	Hillsboro, N. C	Mar 13, 1889	579	Cambellsville, Ky
Jan 14, 1889	565	Camben C. H., NC	Mar 13, 1889	580	Stanford, Ky
Jan 14, 1889	566	Cincinnati, Ohio	Mar 13, 1889	581	Lebanon, Tenn
Jan 14, 1889	567	Columbus, Ohio	Mar 13, 1889	582	Newport, Ark
Jan 14, 1889	568	Mt. Vernon, O	Mar 13, 1889	583	Maysville, S. C
Jan 14, 1889	569	Washington, D. C	Mar 13, 1889	584	Marshall, Texas
Feb 11, 1889	570	Malvern, Ark	Mar 13, 1889	585	Smithville, N. C
Feb 11, 1889	571	Monticello, Ark	April 8, 1889	586	Chattanooga, Tenn
Feb 11, 1889	572	Atlanta, Ga	April 8, 1889	587	Chatham, Canada
Feb 11, 1889	573	Oskaloosa, Iowa	April 8, 1889	588	Windsor, Ontario
Feb 11, 1889	574	Fulton, Ky	April 8, 1889	589	Windsor, Can
Feb 11, 1889	575	Pratt's Mine, Ala	April 8, 1889	590	St. Albans, W. Va
Feb 11, 1889	576	Greenville, Ala	April 8, 1889	591	Kirkwood, Mo
Feb 11, 1889	577	Fayetteville	April 8, 1889	592	Woodbury, N. J
Mar 13, 1889	578	Millersburg, Ky	April 8, 1889	593	C'pus Christi, Tex

WARRANTS FOR HOUSEHOLDS OF RUTH.

DATE	NO	LOCATED	DATE	NO	LOCATED
May 13, 1889	594	Shelbyville, Ky	Mar 13, 1890	646	South Mills, N.C
May 13, 1889	595	Harveysburg, O	Mar 13, 1890	647	Van Buren, Ark
May 13, 1889	596	Harris Station, O	Mar 13, 1890	648	Englewood, N J
May 13, 1889	597	Lima, O	Mar 13, 1890	649	Matthew's CH Va
May 13, 1889	598	Glouster, O	April 14, 1890	650	West Chester, Pa
May 13, 1889	599	Solomon's Is., Md	April 14, 1890	651	Patton Mines, Ala
June 13, 1889	600	Lincoln, Neb	April 14, 1890	652	Bessemer, Ala
June 13, 1889	601	Mt. Pleasant, Iowa	April 14, 1890	653	Montgomery, Ala
June 13, 1889	602	Harrisburg, Ill	April 14, 1890	654	Monaskon, Va
July 8, 1889	603	Washington, D.C	April 14, 1890	655	Churchland, Va
Aug 12, 1889	604	Perryville, Ky	April 14, 1890	656	Jersey City, N. J
Aug 12, 1889	605	Morrilton, Ark	April 14, 1890	657	Ocala, Fla
Aug 12, 1889	606	Union City, Tenn	May 16, 1890	658	Jackson, Tenn
Aug 12, 1889	607	Farmersville, Tex	May 16, 1890	659	Tyaskin, Me
Aug 12, 1889	608	Athens, Texas	May 16, 1890	660	Ft. Valley, Ga
Aug 12, 1889	609	Rob Roy, Ark	May 16, 1890	661	Milledgeville Ga
Aug 12, 1889	610	Paris, Ark	May 16, 1890	662	Greensboro, Ga
Sept 13, 1889	611	Mayslick, Ky	May 16, 1890	663	Mariana, Ark
Sept 13, 1889	612	Wichita, Kan	May 16, 1890	664	Loraine, Ohio
Sept 13, 1889	613	Chestertown, Md	May 16, 1890	665	Alexandria, Va
Sept 13, 1889	614	Hillsboro, Texas	June 9, 1890	666	Bayou Sara, La
Sept 13, 1889	615	Thomasville, Ga	June 9, 1890	667	White Stone, Va
Sept 13, 1889	616	Junction, Ill	June 9, 1890	668	Midway Mills, Va
Sept 13, 1889	617	Green Cove S, Fla	June 7, 1890	669	Tallahoma, Tenn
Oct 10, 1889	618	Thomaston, Ga	Aug 25, 1890	670	Leesburg, Va
Oct 10, 1889	619	Dyersburg, Tenn	Aug 25, 1890	671	Midberry I., Va
Oct 10, 1889	620	Saratoga Spg, N. Y	Aug 25, 1890	672	Indianapolis, Ind
Oct 10, 1889	621	Winston, N. C	Aug 25, 1890	673	Columbus, Ind
Oct 10, 1889	622	High Point, N. C	Aug 25, 1890	674	Newark, Del
Nov 13, 1889	623	St. Augustine, Fla	Aug 25, 1890	675	Daytona, Fla
Nov 13, 1889	624	Washington, N.C	Aug 25, 1890	676	Quincy, Fla
Nov 13, 1889	625	Bridgeport, O	Aug 25, 1890	677	Bloomington, Ind
Nov 13, 1889	626	Lewisburg, W. Va	Aug 25, 1890	678	Madison, Ga
Nov 13, 1889	627	Bird Point, Mo	Aug 25, 1890	679	Egypt, Ga
Dec 16, 1889	628	Springfield, Ohio	Aug 25, 1890	680	Hazelhurst, Ga
Dec 16, 1889	629	Barnesville, Ga	Aug 25, 1890	681	Connorsville, Ind
Dec 16, 1889	630	Atkinson, Ark	Aug 25, 1890	682	Johnstown, Pa
Dec 16, 1889	631	Ashland, Ky	Oct 14, 1890	683	Greensboro, N.C
Dec 16, 1889	632	Tuscaloosa, Ala	Oct 14, 1890	684	Quitman, Ga
Dec 16, 1889	633	Little Rock, Ark	Oct 14, 1890	685	Captola, Ga
Dec 16, 1889	634	Plum'sville, Ark	Oct 14, 1890	686	Weimar, Texas
Dec 16, 1889	635	Little Rock, S. C	Oct 14, 1890	687	Dallas, Texas
Dec 16, 1889	636	Latta, S. C	Oct 14, 1890	688	Grafton, Va
Dec 16, 1889	637	Middletown, Pa	Nov 13, 1890	689	Durham, N. C
Dec 16, 1889	638	Valdosta, Ga	Nov 13, 1890	690	Columbus, Texas
Jan 13, 1890	639	Clinton, Iowa	Nov 13, 1890	691	Anniston, Ala
Jan 13, 1890	640	Elizabeth, Pa	Nov 13, 1890	692	Cadiz, Ohio
Jan 13, 1890	641	Calvert, Md	Nov 13, 1890	693	Connorsville, Ind
Mar 13, 1890	642	Chester, Pa	Nov 13, 1890	694	Mt. Pleasant, Tenn
Mar 13, 1890	643	Muncie, Ind	Nov 13, 1890	695	Chester, Pa
Mar 13, 1890	644	Limestone, Tenn	Nov 13, 1890	696	Altoona, Pa
Mar 13, 1890	645	Lancaster, Pa	Nov 13, 1890	697	Norfolk, Va

PAST GRAND MASTERS' COUNCIL WARRANTS.

DATE	NO	LOCATED
Jan 14, 1889	Warrant.....	114 Birmingham, Ala
July 8, 1889	Warrant.....	115 New Bedford, Mass
Sept 13, 1889	Warrant.....	116 Barnesville, Ohio
Dec 16, 1889	Warrant.....	117 Murfreesboro, Tenn
Dec 16, 1888	Warrant.....	118 Denver, Col
Mar 13, 1890	Warrant.....	119 Mayfield, Ky
May 16, 1890	Warrant.....	120 Paris, Ill
Aug 25, 1890	Warrant.....	121 Gallipolis, Ohio
Aug 25, 1890	Warrant.....	122 Wyandotte, Kas
Aug 25, 1890	Warrant.....	123 St Paul, Minn
Oct 14, 1890	Warrant.....	124 Marion, Ind
Oct 14, 1890	Warrant.....	125 Muchakinoek, Iowa
Nov 13, 1890	Warrant.....	126 Durham, N.C
Nov 13, 1890	Warrant.....	127 Macon, Ga
Dec 11, 1890	Warrant.....	128 Charleston, W. Va

PATRIARCHY WARRANTS.

DATE	NO	LOCATED
April 8, 1889	Warrant.....	55 Detroit, Mich
June 13, 1889	Warrant.....	56 Nassau, N. P., Bahama
July 8, 1889	Warrant.....	57 Springfield, Ill
July 8, 1889	Warrant.....	58 Staunton, Va
Mar 13, 1890	Warrant.....	59 New Albany, Ind
May 16, 1890	Warrant.....	60 Hartford, Conn
June 9, 1890	Warrant.....	61 New Bedford, Mass
Aug 25, 1890	Warrant.....	62 Birmingham, Ala

CHAPTER XLV.

THE FORTY-THIRD SUB-COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT, 1891-1892.

168 dispensations to Lodges, 109 warrants to Households, twenty-five warrants to Councils and nine warrants to Patriarchies were granted by this Board.

March 12, 1891. The first dispensation was allowed to institute a Lodge in Idaho; title, Twin City 3374, Krebs, Idaho Territory.

Indian Territory was admitted into the circle January 28, 1892, with Pioneer Lodge 3471.

THE SIXTH B. M. C.—41ST GENERAL MEETING.

The Sixth Biennial Moveable Committee and forty-first General Meeting of the Order convened in Washington, D. C., October 4, 1892. Four hundred delegates were present.

This was the largest and most intelligent gathering of Odd Fellows ever assembled in America to legislate for the Order.

The delegation included ministers, physicians, lawyers, business men, government clerks, officers in the United States Army, bankers, artists, manufacturers, farmers, laborers and men in all walks of life. They came from New England, from California, from Canada, from Cuba and all intermediate points.

Among the number there was a Spaniard from New York, Brother German Sandoval, and a white man from Pennsylvania, Brother Joseph Solomon.

The welcome address on the part of the citizens was delivered by the Hon. John W. Douglass, President of the Board of Commissioners.

Grand Master W. M. T. Forrester presented his annual address which covered fifty pages of closely printed matter.

At the close of the session the election of Grand Officers was held and resulted as follows:

The S. C. of M. for 1893-94.

W. M. T. FORRESTER, G. M. W. C. H. CURTIS, G. T.

C. B. WILSON, D. G. M. C. H. BROOKS, G. S.

GRAND DIRECTORS.

H. L. HOLMES.

J. W. ANDERSON.

JOHN HARMON.

D. A. CLARK.

THE PARADE.

Splendor and magnificence, well marshaled and disciplined, is not the highest tribute that can be credited to the demonstration that took place on Thursday afternoon, October 6th. Odd Fellowship was in its glory.

Never before in the history of the Order was there such an early morning rising. Brothers seemed to vie with each other in happy anticipation of the day's demonstration. This interest was noticeable in the committees, and when the time arrived for adjournment, each one hastily prepared himself for the occasion, and as they came out of the church a line of carriages awaited the Grand Officers and Officers of the B. M. C.

The procession formed at Pennsylvania Avenue and B street, and Brother Fred. Douglass, marshal of the day, acquitted himself with honor and with military skill in its formation.

The following was the order of the procession:

1. Chief Marshal and Aids.
2. Grand Officers and Officers of the B. M. C.
3. Washington Patriarchy, 44 men.
4. Georgetown Patriarchy, 40 men.
5. Philadelphia Patriarchy, 42 men.
6. New York Patriarchy, 32 men.
7. Harrisburg Patriarchy, 20.
8. Allegheny Patriarchy, 34 men.
9. Pittsburg Patriarchy, 32 men.
10. Norfolk Patriarchy, 30 men.
11. Boston Patriarchy, 20 men.
12. Lodges of the District of Columbia.
13. P. G. M. Councils.
14. Subordinate Lodges of Alexandria and Arlington, Va.
15. Subordinate Lodges of Maryland.
16. Subordinate Lodges of Virginia.

There were fully two thousand men in line, all well drilled and disciplined, and for the first time Capri Cornis aired himself, and seemed to be thinking as he glanced among the throng lining the beautiful avenues, what a work there is yet for me to do.

The procession proceeded up the grandest thoroughfare in the country, past the White House. State and Treasury Departments, through Georgetown, along the beautiful parks and avenues and receiving plaudits from the multitude along the entire route.

Halting in review at the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, where Brother Vance delivered the oration of the day. The Chief Marshal dismissed the paraders, excepting the Patriarchies, who partook of a fine collation prepared for them by the Washington and Georgetown Patriarchies.

BANQUET.

Thursday evening was the one looked for, and that all were surprised could be readily seen as they entered the spacious Centre Market Hall at Ninth and B streets. Carriages, coupes and vehicles of conveyances of all kinds for which Washington is noted, stood along the curb, and patrons as they came in sight of the building and heard the beautiful strains of music seemed to urge their haste

to the banquet hall. The time, ten o'clock, was too late it seemed, for at that hour, you were met with a surging mass of humanity who were all bent on having a good time. The dresses and costumes were tasteful and elaborate.

The evening's programme consisted of dancing, games, etc. The collation comprised all the delicacies of the season. The main feature of the evening was to be a competitive drill, but through some cause, which we know not of, it did not take place. The Philadelphia and Pittsburg Patriarchies gave an exhibition drill, and were roundly applauded. Which one took the honors of the evening was hard to say, as both received their share of applause, and all seemed well pleased with the proficiency and skill of their movements. The festivities were kept up until the wee hours of the morning. Great credit is due the Committee for the success of the affair. Fully 4000 persons were in attendance.

After the parade the Order was addressed by Hon. H. P. Cheatam, colored member of Congress from North Carolina.

Hon. John M. Langston, an ex-member of Congress from Virginia was on the platform beside the Grand Officers.

The Orator of the day was Brother J. Madison Vance, a brilliant young lawyer from Louisiana.

At this meeting Brother D. B. Bowser, Grand Secretary, was retired upon a gratuity of \$50.00 per month for the remainder of his natural life.

LODGE DISPENSATIONS GRANTED IN 1891-92.

DISPENSATED	NAME OF LODGE	NO	LOCATED
Jan 12, 1891	Milton	3345	Milton, Pa
Jan 12, 1891	Pacific.....	3346	Fayette, Ala
Jan 12, 1891	Hector.....	3347	Elizabethtown, Ill
Jan 12, 1891	Quachita.....	3348	Camden, Ark
Jan 12, 1891	Dickeys.....	3349	Dickeys, Ark
Jan 12, 1891	Fordyce.....	3350	Fordyce, Ark
Jan 12, 1891	Head Light of the West.....	3351	West Nashville, N.C
Jan 12, 1891	Champion.....	3352	West Forest, N.C
Jan 12, 1891	Whistler	3353	Whistler, Ala
Jan 12, 1891	Mt Noble.....	3354	Vance's Station, Ala
Jan 12, 1891	Savageville.....	3355	Savageville, Va
Feb 16, 1891	Boone County.....	3356	Columbia, Mo
Feb 16, 1891	Moza	3357	Poplar Grove, Ark
Feb 16, 1891	Ola	3358	Braggs, Ark
Feb 16, 1891	Crockery.....	3359	East Liverpool, Ohio
Feb 16, 1891	Crystal Bay.....	3360	Cedar Keys, Fla
Feb 16, 1891	Young Charm.....	3361	Union City, Tenn
Feb 19, 1891	Big Muddy.....	3362	Murfreesboro, Tenn
Feb 16, 1891	Great Western.....	3363	Abilene, Texas
Feb 6, 1891	Ozark	3364	Ozark, Ala
Feb 16, 1891	Mississippi Central.....	3365	Kosciusko, Miss

LODGE DISPENSATIONS GRANTED IN 1891-92—CONTINUED.

DISPENSATED	NAME OF LODGE	NO	LOCATED
Feb 16, 1891	Prince of Peace.....	3366	Mount Pleasant, Miss
Feb 16, 1891	Union Enterprise.....	3367	Millsville, Va
Mar 12, 1891	East Macon.....	3368	East Macon, Ga
Mar 12, 1891	Feriman.....	3369	Blackshear, Ga
Mar 12, 1891	Silver Tone.....	3370	Jessup, Ga
Mar 12, 1891	Good Fellowship	3371	Winfall, N C
April 20, 1891	U. B. Vidal.....	3372	Meadville, Pa
Mar 13, 1891	Liberty Grove.....	3373	Liberty Grove, Tenn
Mar 12, 1891	Twin City.....	3374	Krebs, Idaho
Mar 12, 1891	Stony Point.....	3375	Stony Point, Va
April 20, 1891	Oliver's Spring.....	3376	Oliver's Springs, Tenn
April 20, 1891	Glorious.....	3377	Higginsville, Mo
April 20, 1891	Jordan.....	3378	Jordan, S C
April 20, 1891	Pinora.....	3379	Guyton, Ga
April 20, 1891	Harlin City.....	3380	Harlin City, S C
May 20, 1891	Consolation.....	3381	Palatka, Fla
May 20, 1891	Lake Elizabeth.....	3382	Mt Dora, Fla
May 20, 1891	Orange Spring.....	3383	Orange Springs, Fla
May 20, 1891	Goodman.....	3384	Goodman, Miss
May 20, 1891	Blooming Young.....	3385	Middleborough, Ky
May 20, 1891	Happy Retreat.....	3386	Graham, N.C
May 20, 1891	Cowan.....	3387	Cowan, Tenn
May 20, 1890	Gordon Grove.....	3388	Gardner Station, Tenn
May 20, 1891	Oak Cliff.....	3389	Oak Cliff, Texas
May 20, 1891	Clio.....	3390	Clio, S C
May 20, 1891	Machen.....	3391	Machen, Ga
May 20, 1891	Cuthbert.....	3392	Cuthbert, Ga
May 20, 1891	Decatur Union.....	3393	Decatur, Ga
May 20, 1891	Mt Journey.....	3394	Clarksville, Ga
May 20, 1891	Huntersville.....	3395	Barboursville, Va
June 19, 1891	Foreston.....	3396	Foreston, S C
June 19, 1891	Precious Jewel	3397	Macon City, Mo
June 19, 1891	Bellview.....	3398	Bellview, Fla
June 19, 1891	Lake State.....	3399	Ypsilanti, Mich
July 16, 1891	Loving Friends.....	3400	Union Springs, Ala
June 19, 1891	Connivance.....	3401	Salisbury, N.C
June 19, 1891	Clayton.....	3402	Clayton, Ala
June 19, 1891	Success.....	3403	Cedarville, Va
July 14, 1891	Beaumont.....	3404	Beaumont, Texas
July 14, 1891	Trio.....	3405	Fayetteville, N.C
July 14, 1891	Grayloch.....	3406	Pittsfield, Mass
July 14, 1891	Golden Lake.....	3407	Pulaski, Ill
July 14, 1891	Fat Land.....	3408	Rodney, Miss
July 14, 1891	Sons of Toil.....	3409	Lexington, Miss
July 14, 1891	Wilkesboro.....	3410	Wilkesboro, N.C
July 14, 1891	Hope of Love.....	3411	St John's Chapel, N.C
July 14, 1891	Oak Ridge.....	3412	Lexington, Miss
July 14, 1891	Pooler.....	3413	Pooler, Ga
July 14, 1891	Dixie.....	3414	Dixie, Ga
July 14, 1891	East View.....	3415	Cedartown, Ga

LODGE DISPENSATIONS GRANTED IN 1891-92—CON-
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DISPENSATED	NAME OF LODGE	NO	LOCATED
July 14, 1891	Dublin.....	3416	Dublin, Ga
July 14, 1891	Adel.....	3417	Adel, Ga
Aug 21, 1891	True Hearts.....	3418	New Rochelle, N.Y
Aug 21, 1891	Prize of Life.....	3419	Lambertville, N.J
Aug 21, 1891	Mountain Gold Dust.....	3420	Sparta, Tenn
Aug 21, 1891	Mars Hill.....	3421	Conway, Ark
Aug 21, 1891	Tussonall.....	3422	Milldale, Ala
Aug 21, 1891	Olympia.....	3423	Downingtown, Pa
Aug 21, 1891	Rehoboam.....	3424	Newville, Pa
Aug 21, 1891	Logtown.....	3435	Logtown, Ga
Aug 21, 1891	Humphrey.....	3436	Humphrey, Ark
Aug 21, 1891	Healing Spring.....	3437	Healing Spring, Ala
Aug 21, 1891	Nebor.....	3438	Braxton, Ga
Sept 21, 1891	John Rhodes.....	3439	Nicotown, Pa
Sept 21, 1891	Darlington Central.....	3440	Darlington, S.C
Sept 21, 1891	Marshall.....	3441	Salem, Mo
Nov 16, 1891	Pacific.....	3442	San Jose, Cal
Nov 16, 1891	West Branch.....	3443	Williamsport, Pa
Nov 16, 1891	Oak Land Rest.....	3444	Oakland, Tenn
Nov 16, 1891	The True Wide Awake.....	3445	Asheville, N.C
Nov 16, 1891	Black Creek.....	3446	Black Creek, N.C
Nov 16, 1891	French Broad Valley.....	3447	Benard, N.C
Nov 16, 1891	Trimble City.....	3448	South Nashville, Tenn
Nov 16, 1891	Macular.....	3449	McColl, S.C
Nov 16, 1891	Monrovia.....	3450	Monrovia, W.C.A
Nov 16, 1891	Farmer's Link.....	3451	Clayashland, W.C.A
Nov 16, 1891	Money Point.....	3452	Money Point, Va
Nov 16, 1891	Mobah.....	3453	Newport News, Va
Dec 17, 1891	St Phillips.....	3454	Mattoewtown, W.I
Dec 17, 1891	Golden City.....	3455	Helena, Mont
Dec 17, 1891	Swan Lake.....	3456	Sharkeys P.O., Miss
Dec 17, 1891	Brilliant Bud.....	3457	Smithfield, N.C
Dec 17, 1891	Wagner.....	3458	Ellicott City, Md
Dec 17, 1891	Moshannon.....	3459	Phillipsburg, Pa
Dec 17, 1891	Holly Grove.....	3460	Holly Grove, Ark
Dec 17, 1891	Lake Township.....	3461	Lake Township, Ark
Dec 17, 1891	Cherokee.....	3462	Cherokee Springs, S.C
Dec 17, 1891	Good Faith.....	3463	Seneca, S.C
Dec 17, 1891	Truth and Justice.....	3464	Hardeville, S.C
Dec 17, 1891	Kershaw.....	3465	Halle Gold Mine, S.C
Dec 17, 1891	Vienna.....	3466	Vienna, Va
Dec 17, 1891	Potomac View.....	3467	Lottsburg, Va
Jan 28, 1891	Armstead Roman.....	3468	West Fork, Pa
Jan 28, 1892	West Fork.....	3469	West Fork, Pa
Jan 28, 1892	Flemington.....	3470	Flemington, Fla
Jan 28, 1892	Pioneer.....	3471	Oklahoma, Ind Ter
Jan 28, 1892	Constans Joy.....	3472	Coalbusg, Ala
Jan 28, 1892	Waldo.....	3473	Waldo, Fla
Jan 28, 1892	Micanopy.....	3474	Micanopy, Fla
Jan 28, 1892	Colleton.....	3475	Waterson, S.C

LODGE DISPENSATIONS GRANTED IN 1891-92—CONTINUED.

DISPENSATED	NAME OF LODGE	NO	LOCATED
Jan 28, 1892	Barnwell.....	3476	Sieglingville, S.C
Jan 28, 1892	Aiken.....	3477	Aiken, S.C
Jan 28, 1892	China Grove.....	3478	Edgefield, S.C
Jan 28, 1892	Honor and Fame.....	3479	Pert Gibson, Miss
Jan 29, 1892	Kissimmee.....	3480	Kissimmee, Fla
Jan 29, 1892	Sea Shore.....	3481	Carrabelle, Fla
Jan 29, 1892	Bay Leaf.....	3482	Columbus, Ga
Jan 29, 1892	Cairo.....	3483	Cairo, Ga
Jan 25, 1892	Sylvania.....	3484	Sylvania, Ga
Jan 25, 1892	Lebanon.....	3485	Lebanon, Ky
Jan 25, 1892	Slaughtersville.....	3486	Slaughtersville, Ky
Jan 25, 1892	Bowling.....	3487	Bolen, Ga
Jan 28, 1892	Mt Vernon Enterprise.....	3488	Accotink, Va
Jan 28, 1892	Capeville.....	3389	Capevine, Va
Jan 28, 1892	Essex.....	3490	Newark, N.J
Jan 29, 1892	Soldier's Home.....	3491	Fort Custer, Mont
Jan 29, 1892	Little Kebukee.....	3492	Scotland Neck, N.C
Mar 21, 1892	Bolder Valley.....	3493	Bolder, Col
Mar 21, 1892	Pride of Oklahoma.....	3494	Oklahoma City, Okla
Mar 21, 1895	Walton.....	3495	Walton, Ky
Mar 21, 1895	Gaudaloupe.....	3496	Seguin, Texas
April 20, 1892	.....	3497	Mt Tabor, Fla
April 20, 1892	Athenian.....	3498	Macon, Ga
April 20, 1892	Oriental.....	3499	Dallas, Texas
April 20, 1892	Cedar Creek.....	3500	Russellville, Ala
April 20, 1892	Golden Progress.....	3501	Kingston, N.C
April 20, 1892	Dalcho.....	2502	Beulah, S.C
April 20, 1892	Hopewell.....	3503	Dry Ridge, Ky
April 20, 1892	L. of Bocals del Toro.....	3504	Colombia, S.A
May 9, 1892	Allen.....	3505	Fort Wayne, Ind
May 9, 1892	Zion Grove.....	3506	Zion Grove, Ga
May 9, 1892	Lewisburg Leader.....	3507	Lewisburg, N.C
May 9, 1892	Jacksonville.....	3508	Jacksonville, N.C
May 9, 1892	Erie City.....	3509	Erie City, Pa
May 9, 1892	Hopewell.....	3510	Falls Church, Va
June 21, 1892	Banaker.....	3511	Bessimer, Ala
June 21, 1892	Mt Rainer.....	3512	Seattle, Wash
June 21, 1892	Moberly.....	3513	Moberly, Mo
June 21, 1892	Glory of Southland.....	3514	Buford, S.C
June 21, 1892	Pelican.....	3515	Monroe, La
June 21, 1892	Burlington Model.....	3516	Burlington, N.C
June 21, 1892	Mt Hermon.....	3517	Bartow, Fla
June 21, 1892	Melrose.....	3518	Melrose, Fla
June 21, 1892	Neoga.....	3519	Neoga, Fla
June 21, 1892	Victoria Will.....	3520	Victoria, Tenn
June 21, 1892	Gold Pural.....	3521	Lynchburg, Tenn
June 22, 1892	Winter Park.....	3522	Winter Park, Fla
June 22, 1892	Cornell Pond.....	3523	Williston, Fla
July 15, 1892	Burkville.....X	3524	Burkville, Ky
July 15, 1892	Sebree.....	3534	Sebree, Ky

LODGE DISPENSATIONS GRANTED IN 1891-92—CONCLUDED.

DISPENSATED	NAME OF LODGE	NO	LOCATED
July 15, 1892	Lily White.....	3535	Anderson, S.C
July 15, 1892	Vashti.....	3536	Sumpter, S.C
Aug 15, 1892	Rio Grande.....	3537	Eagle Pass, Texas
Aug 15, 1892	Mountain City.....	3538	Fairmount, W.Va
Aug 15, 1892	Rose Leaf.....	3539	Poughkeepsie, N.Y
Aug 15, 1892	Chestnut Grove.....	3540	Brown's Store, Va
Sept 15, 1892	King Scepter.....	3541	Dunn, N.C
Sept 15, 1892	Queen of Missouri.....	3542	Sedalia, Mo
Sept 15, 1892	Leatherwood.....	3543	Bristol, Tenn
Sept 15, 1892	Tribunal.....	3544	Vicksburg, Miss
Sept 15, 1892	Oklahoma.....	3545	Oklahoma, N.M
Oct 15, 1892	Belleue.....	3546	Elk Park, N.C
Oct 15, 1892	Dover.....	3547	Union Hall, Okla
Oct 15, 1892	Tchula.....	3548	Tchula, Miss
Oct 15, 1892	Flemington.....	3549	Flemington, Fla
Dec 14, 1892	Quaker City.....	3550	Philadelphia, Pa
Oct 15, 1892	Industry.....	3551	S.P.DeMacones,
Nov 15, 1892	Siegling.....	3552	Sieglingville, S.C
Nov 15, 1892	Branch Valley.....	3553	Branchville, S.C
Nov 15, 1892	Blooming.....	3554	Rock Hill, S.C
Nov 15, 1892	Georgetown Union.....	3555	Georgetown, D.C
Nov 15, 1892	Brilliant.....	3556	St Matthew's S.C
Nov 15, 1892	Holly Hill.....	3557	Holly Hill, S.C
Nov 15, 1892	Hercules of the West.....	3558	College Hill, Ohio
Nov 15, 1892	Blooming Day.....	3559	Coal Peak, S.C
Nov 15, 1892	Pantherford.....	3560	Buies, N.C
Nov 15, 1892	Lucama.....	3561	Lucama, N.C
Nov 15, 1892	Bellefont Standard.....	3562	Bellefonte, Pa
Nov 15, 1892	Rose.....	3563	Jonesboro, N.C
Nov 15, 1892	Charles W. Robinson.....	3564	Glenwilton, Va
Nov 15, 1892	Diamond Dust.....	3565	Meadow View, Va
Nov 15, 1892	Suffolk.....	3566	Suffolk, Va
Nov 15, 1892	Red River.....	3567	Port Royal, Tenn
Dec 14, 1892	Weather.....	3568	Popular Bluff, Md
Dec 14, 1892	Fernwood.....	3569	Fernwood, Miss
Dec 14, 1892	Oxford.....	3570	Oxford, Miss
Dec 14, 1892	Antimonial.....	3571	Herdon, Va

WARRANTS FOR HOUSEHOLDS OF RUTH.

DATE	NO	LOCATED	DATE	NO	LOCATED
Jan 12, 1891	699	York, Pa	Feb 16, 1891	704	Long Green, Md
Jan 12, 1891	700	Macon, Ga	Feb 16, 1891	705	Sherrell Sta., Ark
Jan 12, 1891	701	Harmony Vil'g Va	Feb 16, 1891	706	Orlando, Fla
Jan 12, 1891	702	Abington, Va	Feb 16, 1891	707	Reidsville, N.C
Jan 12, 1891	703	Norfolk, Va	Feb 16, 1891	708	Washington, Va

WARRANTS FOR HOUSEHOLDS OF RUTH—CON- CLUDED.

DATE	NO	LOCATED	DATE	NO	LOCATED
Mar 12, 1891	709	South Bend, Ind	Jan 29, 1892	759	Rochester, N. Y
Mar 12, 1891	710	Chico, Cal	Jan 29, 1892	760	Atlanta, Ga
Mar 12, 1891	711	Lancaster, Ohio.	Mar 21, 1892	761	West Newton, Pa
Mar 12, 1891	712	Buena Vista, Va	Mar 2, 1892	762	Macon, Miss
April 20, 1891	713	Tatum Sta., S. C	Mar 21, 1892	763	Thurber, Texas
April 20, 1891	714	Stockton, Ga	Mar 21, 1892	764	Birk City, Ky
April 20, 1891	715	Butte City, Mo	April 20, 1892	765	Tarpon Spr'gs, Fla
April 20, 1891	716	Troy, Ala	April 20, 1892	766	Camden, S. C
April 20, 1891	717	Bahamas, W. I	April 20, 1892	767	Somerville, Md
April 20, 1891	718	Puerto Plata, W. I	April 20, 1892	768	Madison, Ind
April 20, 1891	719	Waterford, Va	May 9, 1892	769	Colorado Sp'g, Col
May 20, 1891	720	Falmouth, Ky	May 9, 1892	770	Washington, Ga.
May 20, 1891	721	McKeysport, Pa	May 9, 1892	771	Franklint'wn N.C
May 20, 1891	722	Penn, Fla	May 9, 1892	772	Bridgeport, Conn
May 20, 1891	723	Saratoga Sp'g, N. Y	May 9, 1892	773	Spartansburg, S.C
May 20, 1891	724	Valley Lee, Md	May 9, 1892	774	Lochlin, Fla
May 20, 1891	725	Abilene, Kansas	May 9, 1892	775	Mt. Zion, Ala
May 20, 1891	726	Huntsville, Ala	May 9, 1892	776	Minneapolis, Min
May 21, 1891	727	Greenville, S. C	May 9, 1892	777	Washington, Ind
May 20, 1891	728	Charleston, S. C	May 9, 1892	778	Monticello, Ga
June 19, 1891	729	Homest'dv'll, N.J	June 20, 1892	779	Martin, Tenn
June 19, 1891	730	Wrightsville, Ark		*780	
June 19, 1891	731	St. Charles, Mo	June 20, 1892	781	Milford, Texas
June 19, 1891	732	Georgetown, S. C	June 20, 1892	782	Mt. Airy, N. C
June 19, 1891	733	Meridian, Miss	June 20, 1892	783	Pulaski, Tenn
July 14, 1891	734	Griffin, Ga	June 20, 1892	784	Wake Forest, N.C
July 14, 1891	735	Ansonia, Conn	June 20, 1892	785	Jacksonville, Fla
July 14, 1891	736	Cannonsburg, Pa	June 20, 1892	786	Roanoke, Va
Aug 21, 1891	737	Vincennes, Ind	June 20, 1892	787	Sewer's Point, Va
Aug 21, 1891	738	Princeton, Ind	June 20, 1892	788	Rufus Hill, Va
Aug 21, 1891	739	SanDomingo, W. I	June 20, 1892	789	Matthews, Va
Sept 21, 1891	740	Washington, D. C	June 20, 1892	790	Gainesville, Fla
Sept 21, 1891	741	Opelika, Ala	June 22, 1892	791	Gainesville, Fla
Sept 21, 1891	742	Morristown, N. J	July 15, 1892	792	Darlington, S.C
Sept 21, 1891	743	Johns, Ala	July 15, 1892	793	Delaware City, Del
Sept 21, 1891	744	Toledo, Ohio	July 15, 1892	794	Metropolis, Ill
Nov 16, 1891	745	Mossy Creek, Tenn	July 15, 1892	795	Manning, S.C
Nov 16, 1891	746	Uniontown, Pa	Aug 15, 1892	796	Richardson, Tex.
Nov 16, 1891	747	Fort Payne, Ala	Aug 15, 1892	797	Lafayette, Ala
Nov 16, 1891	748	Rushville, Ind	Sept 15, 1892	798	Washington, D. C
Nov 16, 1891	749	Liye Nack, Va	Sept 15, 1892	799	Waterbury, Conn
Dec 17, 1891	750	Honey Grove, Tex	Sept 15, 1892	800	Lamott, Pa
Dec 17, 1891	751	Sacramento, Ky	Oct 12, 1892	801	Bainbridge, Ga
Dec 17, 1891	752	Dolomite, Ala	Oct 12, 1892	802	Salina, Kansas
Dec 17, 1891	753	Georgetown, S. C	Nov 15, 1892	803	Bucksville, S. C
Dec 17, 1891	754	Lewisville, Texas	Nov 15, 1892	804	Ulmer's S. C
Dec 17, 1891	755	Columbus, Miss	Nov 15, 1892	805	Burlington, Iowa
Jan 29, 1892	756	Myrtle Sta., Va	Dec 14, 1892	806	Havrede Grace Md
Jan 29, 1892	757	Belize, B.Hond'ras	Dec 14, 1892	807	Newport, Pa
Jan 29, 1892	758	Fork City, Fla	Dec 14, 1892	808	Baltimore, Md

PAST GRAND MASTERS' COUNCIL WARRANTS.

DATE	NO	LOCATED
Jan 12, 1891	Warrant.....	129 Eufaula, Ala
Feb 16, 1891	Warrant.....	130 Parkersburg, W. Va
Mar 12, 1891	Warrant.....	131 New London, Conn
Mar 12, 1891	Warrant.....	132 Steelton, Pa
April 20, 1891	Warrant.....	133 Danville, Ky
May 20, 1891	Warrant.....	134 Brazil, Ind
June 19, 1891	Warrant.....	135 Westchester, Pa
Aug 21, 1891	Warrant.....	136 Dallas, Texas
Sept 23, 1891	Warrant.....	137 Eminence, Ky
Sept 23, 1891	Warrant.....	138 Mt Pleasant, Ohio
Sept 23, 1891	Warrant.....	139 Washington C.H., Ohio
Dec 17, 1891	Warrant.....	140 Rome, Ga
Dec 17, 1891	Warrant.....	141 Troy, Ohio
Jan 29, 1892	Warrant.....	142 San Domingo, S. Dom
Jan 29, 1892	Warrant.....	143 Earlington, Ky
Mar 21, 1892	Warrant.....	144 Ivor, Va
May 9, 1892	Warrant.....	145 Warrenton, Va
May 9, 1892	Warrant.....	146 Selina, Ala
June 21, 1892	Warrant.....	147 Palatka, Fla
June 21, 1892	Warrant.....	148 Shreveport, La
July 15, 1892	Warrant.....	149 Mt Pleasant, Iowa
July 15, 1892	Warrant.....	150 Metropolis, Ill
Aug 15, 1892	Warrant.....	151 Waterford, Va
Aug 15, 1892	Warrant.....	152 Duplicate of No. 148
Sept 15, 1892	Warrant.....	153 Union City, Tenn
Nov 15, 1892	Warrant.....	154 Marietta, Pa

PATRIARCHIE WARRANTS GRANTED.

DATE	NO	LOCATED
April 20, 1891	Warrant.....	63 Henderson, Ky
April 20, 1891	Warrant.....	64 Haverhill, Mass
July 14, 1891	Warrant.....	65 Galveston, Texas
Aug 21, 1891	Warrant.....	66 Kansas City, Mo
Sept 21, 1891	Warrant.....	67 Denver, Col
Sept 21, 1891	Warrant.....	68 Wilmington, N.C
		69 Duplicate of No. 65
April 20, 1892	Warrant.....	70 Murfreesboro, Tenn
April 20, 1892	Warrant.....	71 Carlisle, Ky
June 21, 1892	Warrant.....	73 Gallipolis, Ohio

NOTE.—The Author will not vouch for the absolute correctness of the dates of the Dispensations and Warrants granted in 1891 and 1892; as the minutes of the Sub-Committee of Management were very imperfectly kept during these two years.

CHAPTER XLVI.
THE FORTY-FOURTH SUB-COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT, 1893-1894.

During the year of 1893, this Board granted 105 dispensations to open new Lodges, 67 warrants for new Households, 8 Councils, and 4 Patriarchies.

The District Grand Lodges of Michigan 34, and Oklahoma Territory 35 were dispensated, January 17, 1893.

The records fail to give the dates of the grant of the previous D. G. L. warrants.

September 27, 1893, the P. O. of P. G. M.'s, held its 13th Triennial Grand Assembly in Washington, D. C. The largest delegation in the history of that branch of our Order was present.

FIFTY YEARS OF ODD FELLOWSHIP.

We have now traced the history of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows from its introduction into America, in 1843, down to the close of 1893—50 years. The subsequent events are of too recent occurrence to be of historical value. We leave these for the next volume and future historians. Every transaction of historical interest has been mentioned. Every Sub-Committee is named, and the important acts of every general meeting faithfully recorded.

We have seen how the feeble spark was kindled and has filled all the States of this Union with a great dazzling light; how the small seed planted in New York City more than fifty years ago, nurtured and fostered amidst many difficulties, sometimes prospering and at other times threatened with destruction, has taken firm hold upon the confidence of the public and now grown up a towering tree of beauty and grandeur, spreading out its great branches of protection to all the children of men.

From Philomathean Lodge 646 there has grown up a mighty army of two hundred thousand brave and true men, overspreading the whole Continent with Lodges, Councils, Households, and Patriarchies, successfully grappling with destitution and suffering, and driving back the waves of ignorance, vice and selfishness everywhere.

Now let us turn our attention to a discussion of its government, principles, objects, and general utility. z, ,

PART SECOND.

MANUAL OF ODD FELLOWSHIP.

ILLUSTRATING THE GOVERNMENT, GROWTH, PRINCIPLES AND
OBJECTS OF OUR ORDER.

CHAPTER III.—SECTION I.

GOVERNMENT.—HOW OUR ORDER IS GOVERNED.

Our form of Government is similar to that of the Republic under which we live. All power and authority of the Sub-Committee of Management—our Executive—is either derived from the individual members expressed through the delegates from subordinate lodges at the general meetings, or from its warrant granted by the C. of M. at Leeds, England, December 22, 1843. Every member of the Order has a voice in the making of laws. Hence our Government approaches very closely that of a pure Democracy.

1.—The Biennial Moveable Committee or general meeting, is composed of one delegate from every financial lodge that has been organized six calendar months previous to the assembling of the B. M. C. Every such lodge is entitled to one delegate and one vote, and no more. Hence the power of all lodges is equal in the making of laws, and the selection of Grand Officers, without regard to their membership.

All General Laws for the government of the subordinate lodges must be enacted by the delegates in Convention assembled. No alterations, amendments, additions, or changes can be made in the organic laws without consent of three-fourths of the lodges present at any general meeting.

The delegate is elected by a majority vote of all the members of a lodge present upon election night. He must be in possession of the P. N. F.'s degree.

The grand officers elected by the delegates constitute the Sub Committee of Management, and are designated as Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Directors,—eight in number. This Board exercises jurisdiction over all of North America and the adjacent islands.

The B. M. C. is the legislative department of our Order, and meets biennially.

2.—The Sub-Committee of Management constitutes the Executive and Judicial Department of the Order. It is composed of members possessing the highest degrees. No brother is eligible to election on this Board until he has attained the Past Grand Master's degree. The interpretation and enforcement of the laws are entrusted to this department. All grievances, appeals and complaints of a general nature are finally decided by the Sub-Committee of Management.

Every branch of the Order is under their jurisdiction and direction. All laws, rituals, dispensations, warrants, official books and papers are compiled, printed, granted and distributed from their headquarters at 602 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, Pa. All the powers of the Sub-Committee of Management are either delegated by the general meetings, or invested by the Warrant of Authority granted by the Committee of Management, England.

Technically, the Grand Master, Grand Secretary, and Grand Treasurer are the Executive Officers, and the full Board may be considered the Judiciary.

The Sub-Committee is a body corporate under the Laws of Pennsylvania. Articles of incorporation were taken out and properly recorded in the city of Philadelphia, on the 29th day of March, 1886.

It has no capital stock, but its source of revenue is from the sale of dispensations, books, etc., and a tax of six cents per annum, levied upon every member in good standing in the Order.

3.—District or State Grand Lodges are composed of delegates from the subordinate lodges, in their respective jurisdictions. All delegates to the convention that formed the District Grand Lodge and Past D. G. M.'s are life members under certain restrictions and provisions. Every lodge in the jurisdiction is entitled to one delegate.

The jurisdiction of District Grand Lodges is co-extensive with the State, Territory, District, or Island in which it is situated. The laws and regulations enacted by a District Grand Lodge are binding upon all lodges in its jurisdiction, *provided* they do not conflict with the General Laws and regulations of the B. M. C. All applications for charters to open new Branches



PATRIARCH'S JEWEL,
of the Patriarchie, G. U. O. of O. F.,
America.



3RD DEGREE INMATE'S JEWEL,
Household of Ruth, G. U. O. of O.F.,
America.



must be submitted to the executive officers of the District Grand Lodge before action can be taken by the Sub-Committee of Management. The power of taxation is limited to twenty-six cents per capita, although few District Grand Lodges collect more than six cents. Other sources of revenue are from the fees of new charters, and the sale of official proceedings. Although the District Grand Lodge officers must approve the application for opening Households of Ruth in their jurisdiction, yet they have no other power over that branch of the Order.

4.—The Grand Household of Ruth meets Triennially and legislates for the female branch of the Order. Every subordinate Household is entitled to one Grand Representative in the Triennial Meeting. All General Laws for the government of this branch are enacted by the representatives. No changes in the General Laws can be effected except by proposition, similar to the requirements of the B. M. C.

5.—The Triennial Conference of Past Grand Masters meets every three years, and makes laws for the government of the P. G. M. Councils in America. The General Laws for the Patriarchies are made in the same manner, triennially, by a Grand Convocations. The same principle of legislation obtains in each one of the four great branches.

6.—The subordinate Lodges, Households, Councils, and Patriarchies make their own laws for their internal government. And are allowed to place whatever restrictions upon their members they think best as long as they do not contravene the spirit and intentions of the General Laws or Constitution of the Order.

7.—Summing it all up, the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, acting by authority of the Sub-Committee of Management may be considered the Executive Department. The Sub-Committee, the Judicial, and the general meetings the Legislative Department.

Although there are four great branches, yet one is dependent upon the other, and all four combined make the one Grand United Order of Odd Fellows.

SECTION II.

THE PRINCIPLES AND PURPOSES OF ODD FELLOWSHIP.

In setting forth the principles of the Order we shall never presume to add to their beauty or their truth; for

"To gild refined gold, to paint the lily,
To throw a perfume on the violet,
To smooth the ice, or add another hue
Unto the rainbow, or with a taper-light
To seek the beauteous eye of heaven to garnish,
Is wasteful and ridiculous excess."

The beauty and truth of the principles of Odd Fellowship are far too pure to require or even to admit of additional lustre from our humble pen. We can only expect to unfold their beauty, and to exhibit their truthfulness. We can only hope to draw the attention of our readers from the ordinary thoughts and occupations of life, and lead the mind to a contemplation of the immense value of the principles upon which rests the great and imposing fabric of Odd Fellowship; so that where indifference exists for want of true perception and consequent appreciation, zeal and admiration may be excited; and a well-grounded determination to become active promoters of our common cause supplant lethargy and lukewarmness.

Those who now entertain an opinion that we practice foolish ceremonies are mistaken. We have nothing now in connection with our proceedings which might not be practiced by the most fastidious moralist. All that we seek now is to improve those who stand in need of improvement, to make better husbands, better fathers, better citizens, and last, though not least, to distribute benevolence, and to raise the drooping spirits of our widows and orphans. Well, but some may say, have you no secrets? Certainly we have, but only secrets of a practical character, and such as we conceive to be necessary to guard us against imposition. It may be borne in mind that although literally speaking, ours is only a beneficial society, yet our sphere of action is more extensive than the limited space allotted to the operations of an ordinary sick or burial club.

We claim a brotherhood with the members of our Order in all parts of the world. A stranger from any land, bearing the title of Odd Fellow, is welcome amongst us as a brother, and if in distress, we minister to his necessities. If he belongs to our fraternity, and can prove such to be the fact, he establishes his claim upon our sympathy and benevolence. I, of course, allude to our institution for the relief of those who may be traveling in search of employment.

To render such an institution practicable it must be obvious that some system is necessary to prevent the society from being imposed upon. We, therefore, put each member in possession of a secret word and a sign, that he may establish his title as an Odd

Fellow wherever he may go. The use of secrets then, for such a purpose, is very politic, and I am sure quite unobjectionable. We do not profess to be in possession of any mysterious or wonderful information, nor to have become initiated into the arcana of superhuman knowledge.

Whilst it may with safety be assumed that the principles of Odd Fellowship have always existed, it is somewhat difficult to fix a period when they were combined and formed into the polar star of a society. The principles themselves are *eternal*, being essentially co-eval with the existence of Deity; and, although they may not have had an eternity of recognized existence, it has only been because the experience of the human race has not detected them, and proved their humanizing attributes. In like manner it may be said that the gigantic steam engine is only of recent birth, whilst its principles and the materials with which it is composed have been necessarily co-existent with matter, awaiting only the progression of the human mind and the revelations of science, to enable man to bring them together, and so combine them, as to produce the astonishing results we now see daily coming into more active and useful operation.

It has been asserted and generally believed, that the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows was established by the Goths, in the early part of the fifth century. This, however, it is to be feared, is an erroneous notion, there being no feature of similarity but the simple adoption of signs and secret words; which, by the Goths, were used for a far different purpose to that of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows. The Goths employed them to serve war-like purposes; but it is beyond question that Odd Fellows use them for the furtherance of the benign objects of peace and charity. That the Goths contemplated a traveling system, or a fund for the relief of the sick and the burial of the dead cannot for one moment be supposed, by any person in the slightest degree conversant with ancient history. The system adopted by the Goths may have been the precursor of the Order instituted in London by John de Neuville, in the twelfth century; but even this Order cannot be said to have had anything in common with the secret Orders of modern times, with the exception of secret words. This lodge in London undoubtedly gave rise to many others, which in the chivalrous ages were in the height of their vigor, and were known by various designations, such as the "Knights of St. John of Jerusalem," "The Templars," "The Red Cross Knights," "Knights of the Cross of Gold," etc. But the idea that the designs of these lodges bore any approximation to that of our lodges, is, to say the least of it, a very groundless one.

They were composed of knights, associated together for chivalry and war, the principal actors in tilts and tournaments and the most conspicuous heroes of the crusade; those fearful, aggressive wars, which had for their ostensible object the recovery of the Holy Land. These lodges were never organized for man's happiness; they never contemplated human wants, nor cultivated the flower of moral philosophy. The laboring man was not permitted to set his foot upon their threshold; nor, in fact, was there any inducement,—there was no principle or advantage connected with them of any real service to him—nothing to alleviate the sorrows of his sick bed, to relax the severity of his misfortunes, or to comfort the heart of his widow and orphans when death had closed his eyelids in sleep. Where, then, is the point of similarity between Odd Fellowship and the ancient institutions, the objects of which are now regarded more with abhorrence than with admiration.

In the middle ages there were a few secret societies, which, without doubt, borrowed the principles of secrecy from the Goths, finding it the most effective method of preventing the intrusion of stranger upon their solemn conclave.

These societies flourished in Spain, the very dominions in which it is assumed Odd Fellowship originated; and it may, therefore, be very reasonably inferred that they sprung out, or at least, their organization was suggested by the Goths.

Be it as it may, they *were secret societies*; and must, if we run into the mazes of antiquity for our origin, be taken as so many links in the chain with which it has been attempted to connect the Grand United Order with the ancient societies alluded to. How it has happened that those who have before written on the origin and progress of our Order have over-looked these societies, can only be accounted for upon supposition that they have been anxious to keep us in as respectable company as they could, consistent with this object; thus, they have given us the origin of the Order in Spanish Dominions, traced it to France, to London, and thence to Sheffield, avoiding all mention of the numerous offshoots which flourished in other parts of the world, perhaps because of the characters of some were so objectionable, that if permitted into the list of our predecessors, they would have dimmed the lustre of the Order and proved fatal to the designs of the writers. These societies of the middle ages alluded to were instituted for the purpose of assassinating political and religious opponents, and to carry out the most selfish designs and the most odious plots. The members were admitted under very gloomy and superstitious ceremonial, in which was conspicuous,

the taking of an oath, binding the novice to secrecy, and pledging him to carry out the object of the society. No one, however, will be willing to admit that these societies had anything to do with the institution of Odd Fellowship. Like the others mentioned they had a part of the machinery by which our Order is marked, but none of its objects; and so far, and no further, we are disposed to admit that they were our precursors. It is mere vain-glory to attempt to stamp our Order with greatness by searching in the vista of antiquity for its origin, or to advocate its claims upon public attention because it is wrapped in the mantle of long expired ages. It is no utility whether it sprang into being in the fifth or the nineteenth century, so that its principles are good, and it is in its objects adapted to the wants and circumstances of the human race. We claim for it a more ancient origin than that set down by those who have hitherto written upon the subject, when we avow that its principles are of *eternal* duration. And yet, we would not urge this as any very cogent reason why the people generally should become proselytes to our cause or members of our fraternity. We advocate Odd Fellowship upon a broader ground; we advocate it because of the intrinsic merits of its principles than which we believe no human institution can boast of better as its foundation.

Odd Fellowship is an institution formed by good men for the advancement of the principles of benevolence and charity. The Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man, then, are the great principles of our Order, embodied in the motto "Friendship, Love, and Truth." To illustrate these principles on the limited scale prescribed by human abilities and our pecuniary resources, we have united in lodges, each of which is a mutual improvement and mutual aid association. And further to extend our operations, and increase our advantages and usefulness together, we have united all these lodges in a General Order, which we desire to render universal as the family of man on earth.

The foundation of the superstructure is laid in the acknowledgment of universal fraternity—that man is bound to sympathize with, to aid and protect his brother man; upon this foundation is erected a system of practical benevolence, that sends its influence through all society; and that this may not degenerate into an indiscriminate system of alms-giving, which converts the earnings of honest industry into a reward of pauperism and idleness; it has established certain checks and balances, by which its active goodness is restrained within proper limits. It requires no surrender of political or religious faith, and hence it is most potent for uniting good men of all shades of opinions in acts of

practical charity. It is going forth among the homes of men like some missioned spirit of good, with its words of kindness, its deeds of comfort, wherever it has moved, it was for the healing of disease, the alleviation of pain; the tear of sorrow has been wiped away, and the face of anguish illumined with a smile; "it has no marble altar, no wreathed statue, no offerings of incense; but hearts of affection build up its shrine; the widow and the orphan are its living monuments, and gratitude pours out for it a free libation." Uniting men under the influence of the social principle, Odd Fellowship demands the *practice* of benevolence and charity; and in order to impress these duties upon the mind, and furnish incentives to action in those moments of relaxation to which all men are subject, it has instituted solemn ceremonies, ordained frequent meetings, and formed a language of signs—all designed to produce a habit of benevolence, and, by educating the moral faculties, promote the well being of society.

We are associated to preserve no striking and beautiful traditions—to teach no *original* truths—to enunciate no occult mysteries. We receive with reverence the teachings of God's Holy Word, which tells us that we are the children of one common father—brethren of one family—fellow-travelers through the same dark world of sin, alike needing the sympathy and support of our fellow-men! that we are bound, as stewards of God, to use wisely the things which have been committed to us in trust, for the advancement of the general good. It is true that the means of our Society do not enable us to relieve *all* the wants of *all* men, but they do enable us to mitigate the sufferings of many. The relief is, in the first place, justly restricted to the members of the Order and their families; but, these demands answered, relief is extended to others as far as we possess the ability. The pecuniary contributions of the members, which consist in small monthly sums, constitute a fund for the exclusive purpose of relieving the sick, burying the dead, educating the orphan, and protecting and assisting the widow. In this respect our Order is a vast mutual aid society, "differing from all others in the perfection of its organization, the universality of its extent, and the motives presented for action in high and benevolent teachings, which lead from specific and enforced duties to the voluntary performance of the noblest deeds of charity." While, therefore, our Order, in its organization and development, is founded upon eternal principles, it only gives direction to known and admitted truths, and enforces the duties it teaches by discipline.

We have no idea of the amount of suffering endured by virtuous poverty, when the supplies procured by industry are cut

off by sickness; when the strong man is prostrated and lies stricken and helpless, knowing that loved ones are in want; when no friendly footstep crosses the threshold of the obscure home to which he has fled to conceal from a heartless world the bitterness of his poverty, oh! the agony of the hot tears that blister his fevered cheek as he nightly kisses the parched lips and looks upon the famine-pinched faces of his children, as they go supperless to their bed of straw. Who can tell the anguish of his heart, when the wife of his bosom bends over him with her pale, earnest face, and, as she wipes the fever drops from his brow, with the sublime energy of woman's endurance, whispers resignation, hope. Alas! what has he to hope for his loved ones, if God in his providence should call him away? Nothing! That wife will be a broken-hearted widow; struggling single-handed against poverty, exposed to the insults of a heartless world; those children will be reared in ignorance, it may be for a life of shame, a death of disgrace. But how different would be the condition of such a person, if, in the days of health and strength, he had become a member of our noble Order. A competency would have smiled around his hearthstone; sympathizing friends would have watched around his sick-bed, and he would close his eyes in death with the sweet assurance that his family was left in the care of brothers whose constant duty it is to protect and assist the widow and orphan.

The advantages of this association are further seen in the fact that it brings together men of the most discordant opinions, and unites them in the bonds of brotherly love, affording by its frequent meetings, social intercourse, free from the contaminating influence of vice. It promotes the morals of the community, by restraining its members from all intemperance and other illegal practices, under penalty of expulsion, and the publication of their names in connection with the offense, for which discipline is executed throughout the limits of the Order. It is calculated to make men social and humane, by bringing them frequently together to devise means and measures for the relief of their distressed fellow-creatures, thus breaking down the barriers erected by sect and party, and uniting men as citizens of one country—the world; members of one family—the human race!

It is sometimes urged that the institution comes in contact with the claims of the church and creates conflicting duties. The Order of Odd Fellows is composed of Christians of every denomination. They all acknowledge individually the authority of the Church, and in the most perfect obedience they unite to do precisely what the teachings of the Church command to be done.

Singly they could not effect as much good as when united. Precisely the same objection may with equal propriety be made against all voluntary associations. The fact is, the Church makes no specific provisions in any of its branches for the performance of the duties in which Odd Fellowship engages. It does not, in any one of the sects or denominations make provision for their discharge. Where has it made provision for the sick members of its communion, furnishing watchers by their beds every night for months, supplying them with money to procure the necessities and often the delicacies of life? What provision has it made for the support of the widow, the education of the orphan? What provision has it made to take care of the sick stranger, and in death to give him decent burial? Where are these provisions? No such provision exists; there is no systematic plan in the church enforced upon its members by discipline. All the conflict our Order can have with the church is to reprove its apathy. It may be made an instrument to provoke the church to activity by showing what a mere human society can do, with "her usage of old," her bonds of love, her deeds of self-denial, her requirements of discipline, in those days when her children *showed their faith by their work of mercy and love*. Odd Fellowship wields the old means; the church refuses to use them. And is this wrong? Shall all these deeds be left undone, because a few will murmur at the expenditure, and sell the precious ointment to increase their own gains? Is it right, is it proper, to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to visit the sick? Is it right to bury the dead, protect the widow, and educate the orphan? Who will say it is wrong to do these things? What is Odd Fellowship, but *associated action* in the performance of these duties? Will men, under the influence of the social principle, see the bar room, the gaming house? Give them some other attractive place of assembly where virtuous thoughts and moral habits will become chosen themes and preferred practices. Will they unite in secret clubs, to agitate treason, and seek to unsettle governments and society with their vain discontents and Utopian schemes of social equality? Unite them by the charm of secrecy, to perform works of mercy and benevolence. God has sanctioned these principles of association in the institution of His holy church. Elevated above the discords of earth, uninfluenced by the changeful policy of time, it is to constitute one vast association designed to concentrate the action of its myriad members into the effective unity of one body. When this perfection is attained, minor associations will not be needed.

Such is a brief view of the practice, and principles and tendencies of Odd Fellowship. That there will be opposition is

to be expected; for what that is lovely or of good report has ever escaped the sneer and the scowl of the gloomy Pharisee. But our principles may be tried by their fruits; and who can rise up and say these fruits are evil, or that associated action, by which all the achievements of the age have been wrought, is wrong? Like "the still small voice" upon the ear of the prophet, when the wind, and the fire, and the earthquake had passed, Odd Fellowship, the noiseless spirit of benevolence and love, trained its children to follow in the path of desolation and affliction, whispering peace, and binding in the golden bonds of Friendship, Love and Truth the sheaves left standing in the fields over which Death and Sorrow, the great reapers, have passed. Look over the field of our appropriate labor for the evidence of these works. See yon stricken widow, bowed down and sorrowful; the hope of her heart is quenched. But there is a change, an arm of affection is cast around her, a hand of love has wiped away her tears. That arm was our Order's arm; that hand an Odd Fellow's. See yon orphan, with no earthly parent to watch over him, no mother to caress and wipe away his burning tears, no shelter for his defenseless head. Look! an arm is cast around him, he is sheltered and cared for, his darkness is gone, his mind and his heart are cultivated, and his glistening eye tells of gratitude and love. The spirit of Odd Fellowship has been there. The true Odd Fellow, he is out in the field, gathering the ready harvest; in the workshop, laying his strong hand to the anvil, the loom, and the forge, in the counting house, employed in the pursuits of professional labor. He is at home, fulfilling the duties of parent, husband; gladdening the hearth and the board by the virtues of the social spirit. He is by the bed of sickness, wiping the moist brow and cooling the parched lips; he is in sorrowful places ministering to poverty, comforting affliction, and relieving distress.

From this very general view of its principles and purposes, we pass to a consideration of some of the specific objects and benefits of the institution secured to each and every member by the stipulations of covenant agreement.

SECTION III.

THE OBJECT AND BENEFITS OF THE ORDER.

The objects of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, as expressed in its written laws, is "to provide a fund for the relief

of the members when sick, lame, or disabled, and for insuring a sum of money to assist in defraying the expenses of burials (to be paid the widow, legal executors, administrators, or assigns of a member deceased), or to assist in defraying the expenses of the burial of the wife or child of a member; also to provide necessary funds for carrying on the business of the Order."

From this general statement we deduce two positive propositions, viz:

1.—If a member of the Order is unable to attend to his ordinary avocation, from sickness or providential disability, he is paid every week during the continuance of such disability, a varying sum. He is visited by the officers and members of his lodge, and proper attendants furnished to watch by his sick-bed and attend to his wants.

2.—In case of death, he is decently buried at the expense of the Order. His remains are followed to the last resting place, and the dust is smoothed on his grave by the hand of sorrowing friendship.

These are the only objects of the Order expressly stated by general law. But they are by no means the whole object of Odd Fellowship as taught by its fundamental principles and lessons. If they were, our Order could not rank higher than a mere beneficial association of the ordinary kind. Our objects are higher and nobler than the mere distribution of *pecuniary* aid, the visiting of the sick, and the outward show too often made at the services of the dead. It is unfortunate for our Order, and for not a few of its members, that too much prominence has been generally given to its features of *pecuniary* benefits in seasons of sickness and death, and *pecuniary* aid in circumstances of want and distress. Although this is a laudable and useful trait in our operations, it is hardly a tithe of our aims and objects. By this undue prominence of the pecuniary relief afforded, even our own members have had their attention and efforts greatly withdrawn from the moral and social influences which the Order is so eminently calculated to promote. But it is even so—the sudden, the palpable, the material, more readily gains attention than the gradual, the insensible, and the moral.

All can see the visitation of the sick, the relief of the distressed, the bounty bestowed on the widow and the orphan whose necessities called for aid; but very few stop to estimate the powerful influence exerted over the moral, social and intellectual tendencies of our members by our Order. Men look at our system of weekly benefits, mutual relief, watchings at the sick-bed, burial of the dead, and support of widow and orphan; but their

thoughts seldom stray beyond these to the humanizing influences which the performance of these deeds exerts on their doers; nor yet to the social and moral tendencies of the other means employed by Odd Fellowship for the improvement and elevation of human character. It is not to be wondered at, then that so many, even among Odd Fellows, have overlooked, or at times forgotten, the most important objects and benefits of Odd Fellowship to be, the imbuing of the minds of our brethren with proper conceptions of their capacities and faculties, giving them just and practical views of their duties and responsibilities, exhibiting dependence upon God and bringing them to a knowledge and practice of the true fraternal relations between man and man.

The object and benefits of our Order were most beautifully explained by Grand Secretary Wm. M. Nelson, on the fifth day September, 1853, on the occasion of a grand banquet by Shakespeare Lodge, 252, at Manchester, England.

The Address is a model of elegant diction, chaste English and comprehensive thought. It was published in the *Odd Fellows' Magazine* in November, 1853, and so great was the demand for the address, that three separate editions of the magazine contained it. These are his words:

"Those who speak of our Order as merely a sick society, betray an utter ignorance of the nature of the institution they undertake to criticize; nor need we be surprised at this, for where interest and prejudice combine to prompt the use of the false balance, there will never be wanting those who are willing to assume the character of corrupt judges. *The object of this Order is to elevate the whole man*, its provisions have reference to his intellectual, moral and physical capabilities, it influences every circumstance of life, and it is calculated to modify the relations of society, both socially, morally and politically. Its influence as a political safeguard cannot be overestimated.

"The only way in which a man can be taught the use of an implement, or a principal thoroughly, is by being himself practised in that use. Where can the necessity of subordination and government be learnt better than in the lodge room? The moment he enters its portals the lesson of obedience begins; he must obey 'ere he can command, and he speedily learns that 'He also serves who only stands and waits.' It is surely no vain boast to say that it is a noble sight to see a voluntary organization for common purposes like ours composed of men of all classes, parties and sects extending over this mighty empire, distributed in every town and village, and numbering from forty to fifty thousand individuals, working not only harmoniously but cord-

ially together, as the Grad United Order has done for more than half a century. We ask in vain the political parties of this country to show us an organization so perfect, a society so enduring. And let us bear in mind that when we are enumerating this army of economists we are numbering the healthy, the moral and the industrious of the land; for these are qualities which are required in all who enter the Order, nor can those who do not possess these qualifications be admitted without flagrant breach of our laws.

"It has been the fashion to look too much at apparently large events in estimating the progress of a people. Historians are too apt to forget that the foundations of the social pyramid are laid broad and deep beneath the surface of society, and it is only in very recent times, that in our own country, the true sources of the nation's prosperity, the real nature of the bulwarks of society, have become recognized.

"I am happy to say that secret orders are now classed among the most important institutions, formed by the industrious classes for their own support, elevation, and improvement. Yes, Mr. Chairman, when we speak of education, let it never be forgotten that the Odd Fellow's Lodge is a real educational institution; when we recommend forethought and providence, let it be remembered that the working man's bank and his insurance society is his lodge, and that this educational institution was established long, very long before governments had found it worth while to provide means for the instruction of the people. This bank had conferred innumerable and inestimable blessings upon the families of our members long, very long before speculators established the first insurance society. I have said that the lodge is an educational institution, when properly organized and conducted, we all know that it is so, in the noblest and most extended sense of that much abused term. No sooner does the approved candidate enter the doors of his future lodge, than his ears are greeted with precepts of the purest morality, and the most extended benevolence; his duty to himself, his fellow man, his country, and his family are brought forcibly before him.

"When the honors of office are conferred upon him, at what step does he not receive new lessons of wisdom and of love. 'Amicitia, Amor et Veritas,' the glorious motto of the Order is illustrated and enforced on every occasion, and Friendship, Love and Truth gleams upon the Odd Fellow's path everywhere. It is embroidered upon his banner; it shines in golden characters from his Dispensation; it greets him upon the walls of the lodge, and is found in emblem and, in fact, wherever the Order has its seat.

"If the Odd Fellow is not sober, honest, industrious and benevolent, a good husband, a kind father, and a loyal and virtuous citizen, it is because the admonitions he received, the examples to which he is directed, and the vows he has made, are neglected or forgotten."

Our objects are simple, and easy to be understood, and may be thus briefly stated: (1) To administer to the wants of those afflicted by sickness; (2) To inter, respectably our dead; (3) To relieve those who are traveling in search of employment; (4) To provide a competency for the widows and orphans of our deceased members after we have thus interred them; and, lastly, to improve the moral character of our members so as to make them good and respected citizens. With such objects as these, then we may, I think, with confidence come before the world, as we are doing, to give expression to our sentiments, and to invite those to whom our several institutions might be of service, to join us in so good a cause, and those whose affluence places them beyond the benefits of such a society to assist us in providing them for the enjoyment of others, who, but for such timely aid, might perhaps be hurried into the commission of offences against the law, or the alternative of a county work-house.

SECTION IV.

THE USE OF ODD FELLOWSHIP TO MANKIND.

We may evidently trace from reason, and the nature of things, the wise ends and designs of the sacred institution of Odd Fellowship, which not only elevates and improves a real and undisguised friendship among men, but teaches them the more important duties of society. Vain then is each idle surmise against this sacred art, which our enemies may either meanly cherish in their own bosoms, or ignorantly promulgate to the disinterested world. By decrying Odd Fellowship, they derogate from human nature itself, and from the good order and wise constitution of things which the Almighty Author of the world has framed for the government of mankind, and has established as the basis of the moral system, which by a secret but attractive force, disposes the human heart to every social virtue.

Can friendship or social delights be the object of reproach? Can that wisdom which hoary time has sanctified be the object of ridicule? In candor let us pity those men who vainly pretend

to censure or condemn what through want of instruction, they cannot comprehend. Let us now proceed and consider in what shape Odd Fellowship is of universal utility to mankind; how it is reconcilable to the best policy; why it deserves the general esteem, and why all men are bound to promote it. Abstracting from the pure pleasure which arise from a friendship so wisely constituted, and which is scarcely possible any circumstance or occurrence can erase, let us consider that Odd Fellowship is a science, confined to no particular country, but diffused over the whole terrestrial globe.

Where arts flourish, there it flourishes, too. Add to this, that by secret and inviolable signs, carefully preserved among ourselves throughout the world, Odd Fellowship becomes an universal language. By this means many advantages are gained, men of all religions and of all nations are united. The distant Australian, the wild Arabian, or the American negro, will embrace a brother Briton; and he will know, that besides the common ties of humanity, there is a still stronger obligation to engage him to kind and friendly actions.

Thus all those disputes which embitter life, and sour the temper, are avoided; and every face is clad with smiles while the common good of all, the general design of the society is zealously pursued. Is it not, then, evident that Odd Fellowship is of universal advantage to mankind? For sure, unless discord and harmony be the same, it must be so. Is it not likewise reconcilable to the best policy, for it prevents the heat of passion, and those painful animosities which different interests too often create?

Odd Fellowship teaches us to be faithful to our rulers, and true to our country; to avoid turbulent measures, and to submit with reverence to the decisions of legislative power. It is surely, then, no mean advantage, no trifling acquisition to any community or State, to have under its power and jurisdiction a body of men who are loyal subjects, patrons of science and friends to mankind.

Does not Odd Fellowship, therefore, of itself command the highest regard? Does it not claim the greatest esteem? Does it not merit the most exclusive patronage? Without doubt, if all that is good and amiable, if all that is useful to mankind or society, be deserving a wise man's attention, Odd Fellowship claims it in the highest degree. What beautiful ideas does it not inspire? How does it open and enlarge the mind, and how abundant a source of satisfaction does it afford? Does it not recommend universal benevolence, and every virtue which can en-

dear one man to another? And is it not particularly adapted to give the mind the most disinterested—the most generous notions? An uniformity of opinion, not only useful in exigencies, but pleasing in familiar life, universally prevails among Odd Fellows; strengthens all the ties of their friendship and equally promotes love and esteem. Odd Fellows are brethren, and amongst brothers there exists no invidious distinctions; a king is reminded that though a crown adorns his head, and a sceptre his hand, yet the blood in his veins is derived from the common parents of manhood, and is no better than that of the meanest of his subjects.

Men in inferior stations are taught to love their superiors, when they see them divested of their grandeur, condescending to trace the paths of wisdom, and follow virtue, assisted by those of a rank beneath them. Virtue is true nobility, and wisdom is the channel by which it is directed and conveyed; wisdom and virtue, therefore are the greatest characteristics of Odd Fellows. Odd Fellowship inculcates universal love and benevolence, and disposes the heart to particular acts of goodness.

An Odd Fellow possessed of this amiable, this God-like disposition, is shocked at misery under every form or appearance. His pity is not only excited, but he is prompted as far as is consistent with the rules of prudence, to alleviate the pain of the sufferer, and cheerfully to contribute to his relief; for this end our funds are raised, and our charities established on the firmest foundation. When a brother is in distress, what heart does not ache? When he is hungry, do we not convey him food? Do we not clothe him when he is naked? Do we not fly to his relief when he is in trouble? Thus we evince the propriety of the title we assume, and demonstrate to the world that the endearing term brother, among Odd Fellows, is not merely a name.

If these acts are not sufficient to recommend so great and generous a plan—such a wise and good society—happy in themselves, and equally happy in the possession of every social virtue—nothing which is truly good can prevail. The man who resists arguments drawn from such topics, must be callous to every principle, and lost to all sense of *honor*. Nevertheless, though the fairest and the best ideas may be thus imprinted in the mind, there are brethren who careless of their own reputation, disregard the instructive lessons of our noble science; and by yielding to vice and intemperance, not only disgrace themselves, but reflect dishonor on Odd Fellowship in general.

It is this unfortunate circumstance which has given rise to those severe and unjust reflections which the prejudiced part of

mankind has so liberally bestowed upon us ; but let those apostate brethren know, and let it be proclaimed to the world at large, that they are unworthy of their trust, and that whatever name or designation they assume, they are in reality, no Odd Fellow. It is as possible for a mouse to move a mountain, or a man to calm the boisterous ocean, as it is for a principled Odd Fellow to commit a dishonorable action. Odd Fellowship consists in virtuous improvement in cheerful and innocent pastime, and not in debauchery or excess ; but though unhappy brethren thus transgress, no wise man will draw any argument from thence against the society, or urge it as an object against the institution.

SECTION V.

THE DUTY OF ODD FELLOWS.

“Whatsoever that ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even so unto them,” are the words of our Blessed Master. This constitutes the golden rule of Odd Fellowship. This principle should actuate our whole conduct in every avenue of life ; not only in our intercourse with members of our fraternity, but in our social and business contact with humanity, the world over.

The duty of Odd Fellows does not end with a formal visitation to the bedside of the sick ; a decent and often hasty interment of the dead ; a parsimonious and niggardly appropriation to the widow and orphan. The laws of our Order exact these formal duties, but the benevolent and divine promptings of the soul which manifest themselves in deeds of love and friendship, are cultivated and accentuated by the diligent application of the words of our Master to all our thoughts and deeds. It is the duty of Odd Fellows to love their country, their government and their fellow-man. This embraces every duty, for no man can love God and keep his commandments unless he loves his fellow-man.

The beautiful words of Leigh Hunt most aptly describes the peace and blessings which flow from a consciousness of having sincerely performed this duty.



P.M.V.P.



P.D.M.



M.V.P.



R.V.P.



V.P.



W.P.R.



W.P.P.



W.P.T.



P.K.



P.S.



P.S.

OFFICERS' JEWELS,
for the Patriarchie, G. U. O. of O. F., America.

These are his words:

ABOU BEN ADHEM.

Abou Ben Adhem, (may his tribe increase!)
Awoke one night from a deep dream of peace,
And saw within the moon light in his room,
Making it rich, and like a lily in bloom,
An angel writing in a book of gold.
Exceeding peace had made Ben Adhem bold,
And to the presence in the room he said,
"What writest thou? The vision raised its head,
And with a look made of all sweet accord,
Answer'd, "The names of those who love the Lord,"
"And mine is one?" said Abou; "Nay, not so,"
Replied the Angel. Abou spoke more low,
But cheerly still, and said, "I pray thee, then,
Write me as one that loves his fellow-men."
The Angel wrote, and vanish'd.

The next night
It came again with a great wakening light,
And show'd the names whom love of God had blest,
And lo! Ben Adhem's name led all the rest.



PART THIRD.

LIST OF GRAND OFFICERS—GENERAL MEETINGS

**Odes—Sketches—Blank Forms—Thanksgiving Services—Other Useful
Information.**

PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OF THE S. C. OF M. OF THE G. U. O. OF O. F. IN AMERICA
SINCE THE S. C. OF M. WAS ORGANIZED IN 1844.

YRS.	GRAND MASTER.	DEP. GRAND MASTER	GRAND SECRETARY.
1844	Jas. Fields.....	Timonthy Seaman.....	Francis Meyers
1845	Jas. Fields.....	Joseph Ten Eyck.....	John Peterson
1846	Ulysses B. Vidal*.....	George T. Downing.....	James Fields
1847	George T. Downing.....	Henry Smith.....	James Fields †
1848	George T. Downing.....	Francis Meyers.....	James Fields
1849	John Peterson.....	Francis Meyers.....	James Fields
1850	James R. Gordon.....	David B. Bowser.....	James Needham
1851	James R. Gordon.....	David B. Bowser.....	James Needham
1852	James R. Gordon.....	David B. Bowser.....	James Needham
1853	James R. Gordon.....	Joseph Johnson.....	James Needham
1854	James R. Gordon.....	William Allen.....	James Needham
1855	David B. Bowser.....	John C. Bowers.....	James Needham
1856	David B. Bowser.....	William S. Gordon.....	James Needham
1857	David B. Bowser.....	John C. Bowers.....	James Needham
1858	David B. Bowser.....	John C. Bowers.....	James Needham
1859	David B. Bowser.....	William Allen.....	James Needham
1860	David B. Bowser.....	William Allen.....	James Needham
1861	David B. Bowser.....	William Allen.....	James Needham
1862	David B. Bowser.....	William Allen.....	James Needham
1863	David B. Bowser.....	Jas. McC. Crummill.....	James Needham
1864	Jas. McC. Crummill.....	Charles B. Colley.....	James Needham
1865	Jas. McC. Crummill.....	Redmond Fauset.....	James Needham
1866	Wm. E. Gibson.....	J. D. Kelley.....	James Needham
1867	Jas. McC. Crummill.....	Redmond Fauset.....	James Needham
1868	Joseph W. Johnson.....	Daniel G. Rider.....	James Needham
1869	Joseph W. Johnson.....	Robert Jones.....	James Needham
1870	John C. Bowers.....	David B. Bowser.....	James Needham
1871	Robert Jones.....	Joseph W. Johnson.....	David B. Bowser
1872	Robert Jones.....	Joseph W. Johnson.....	David B. Bowser
1873	Robert Jones.....	Charles W. Bond.....	David B. Bowser

PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OF THE S. C. M.—CONCLUDD.

YRS.	GRAND MASTER.	DEP. GRAND MASTER.	GRAND SECRETARY.
1874	J. Emory Burr.....	Redmond Fauset.....	D. B. Bowser
1875	Redmond Fauset.....	J. Emory Burr.....	D. B. Bowser
1876	Redmond Fauset.....	W. C. H. Curtis.....	D. B. Bowser
1877	Redmond Fauset.....	W. C. H. Curtis.....	D. B. Bowser
1878	Redmond Fauset.....	W. C. H. Curtis.....	D. B. Bowser
1879	Redmond Fauset.....	Solomon Taylor.....	D. B. Bowser
1880	Redmond Fauset.....	W. M. T. Forrester.....	D. B. Bowser
1881	W. M. T. Forrester.....	Samuel W. Chase.....	D. B. Bowser
1883	W. M. T. Forrester.....	Samuel W. Chase.....	D. B. Bowser
1885	W. M. T. Forrester.....	Edward H. Morris.....	D. B. Bowser
1887	W. M. T. Forrester.....	Edward H. Morris.....	D. B. Bowser
1889	W. M. T. Forrester.....	C. B. Wilson.....	D. B. Bowser
1891	W. M. T. Forrester.....	C. B. Wilson.....	D. B. Bowser
1893	W. M. T. Forrester.....	C. B. Wilson.....	C. H. Brooks
1895	J. F. Needham.....	C. B. Wilson.....	C. H. Brooks
1897	J. F. Needham.....	C. B. Wilson.....	C. H. Brooks
1899	E. H. Morris.....	A. B. Lattimore.....	C. H. Brooks
1901	E. H. Morris.....	L. L. Lee.....	C. H. Brooks

* Elected by A. M. C. of 1845, but never served on account of absence from the country at the time of installation.

† U. B. Vidal and ‡ Jas. McCune Smith were elected by the A. M. C. of 1846 to fill these respective positions. But the S. C. M. of 1846 declared the entire Board illegal. They having been selected by a Committee. The G. S. and two Directors were ineligible, not being P. G. M's.

Peter Ogden was first deputized as Grand Agent. Appointed by the Committee of Management, England, in 1843.

THE PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OF THE GRAND UNITED ORDER, ENGLAND, SINCE
THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT WAS ESTABLISHED WITH
THE DATE OF THEIR ELECTION.

DATE.	GRAND MASTER.	D. GRAND MASTER.	GRAND SECRETARY.
Sept 12, 1837	John Senior.....	Peter Wright.....	J. Sunderland
June 6, 1838	John Senior.....	Peter Wright.....	J. Sunderland
May 25, 1839	George Terry.....	Berry and Mennel...	Holroyd & Braim
June 10, 1840	George Terry.....	William Mennel.....	Braim and Storey
June 1, 1841	George Terry.....	William Mennel.....	Joseph Storey
May 18, 1842	George Terry.....	James Green.....	John Holroyd
June 8, 1843	George Terry.....	Barracrough and Britton.....	John Holroyd

 PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OF THE G. U. O., ENGLAND.—CONCLUDED.

DATE.	GRAND MASTER	D. GRAND MASTER	GRAND SECRETARY.
May 30, 1844	George Terry.....	Thomas Whiteland.	John Holroyd
May 15, 1845	George Terry.....	Thomas Whiteland...	John Holroyd
June 5, 1846	George Terry.....	William Mennel.....	John Holroyd
May 17, 1847	George Terry.....	John Taylor.....	John Holroyd
June 15, 1848	George Terry.....	John Taylor.....	John Holroyd
May 31, 1849	George Terry.....	John Taylor.....	John Holroyd
May 23, 1850	George Terry.....	William Best.....	John Holroyd
June 11, 1851	George Terry.....	John Taylor.....	John Holroyd
June 3, 1852	George Terry.....	John Taylor.....	John Holroyd
May 18, 1853	George Terry.....	John Taylor.....	William M. Nelson
June 8, 1854	George Terry.....	William M. Nelson...	John Young
May 14, 1856	George Terry.....	William M. Nelson...	John Young
May 27, 1858	George Terry.....	John Hall.....	John Young
May 16, 1859	John Hall.....	Ashton and Martin...	John Young
June 2, 1860	John Hall.....	William H. Johnson	John Young
May 23, 1861	W. H. Johnson.....	James Curnow.....	John Young
May 29, 1863	James Curnow.....	Ab. Singleton.....	John Young
May 29, 1865	Ab. Singleton.....	Peter M. White.....	John Young
June 10, 1867	John Ashton.....	Edward Sewell.....	John Young
May 17, 1869	Edward Sewell.....	William Boardman...	John Young
June 1, 1871	John Massey.....	William Livsey.....	John Young
May 14, 1872	John Massey.....	Thomas Fidler.....	William Livesey
June 6, 1873	Thomas Fidler.....	J. Winstanley.....	William Livesey
May 20, 1875	J. Winstanley.....	Joseph Jowett.....	William Livesey
Aug —, 1876	J. Jowett.....	John Holley.....	William Livesey
May 25, 1877	John Holley.....	George Marshall.....	William Livesey
June 6, 1879	George Marshall.....	James Wood.....	William Livesey
June 9, 1881	James Wood.....	Alf. Wm. Bailey.....	William Livesey
May 18, 1883	A. W. Bailey.....	John Goodson.....	William Livesey
May 29, 1885	John Goodson.....	Samuel Earland.....	William Livesey
June 3, 1887	Samuel Earlam.....	Joseph Walker.....	William Livesey
June 14, 1889	Joseph Walker.....	Robert Walls.....	William Livesey
May 22, 1891	Robert Walls.....	Richard Hill-Male...	William Livesey
May 26, 1893	Richard Hill-Male...	Charles Parker.....	William Livesey

 LIST OF GRAND SECRETARIES

OF THE

VARIOUS COMMITTEES OF MANAGEMENT.—1902.

 ENGLAND—Committee of Management Offices, 24 Devonshire Street, Geo. Wilde, Grand Secretary.

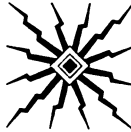
AMERICA—Committee of Management Offices, 602 Spruce St., Philadelphia, Pa. Charles H. Brooks, Grand Secretary.

NEW SOUTH WALES—Committee of Management Offices, 328 Castles-
sagh Street, Sydney. Henry Herron, Grand Secretary.

VICTORIA—Committee of Management Offices, 144 Elizabeth Street,
Melbourne. J. S. Riddell, Grand Secretary.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA—Committee of Management Offices, 4 Masonic Hall,
Adelaide. J. G. Osborn, Grand Secretary.

QUEENSLAND—Committee of Management Offices, Red Hill, Queensland.
Robert Wishart, Grand Secretary.



SEC. 5. Each Lodge has the right to select its own orator, if so desired, to deliver an oration suitable to the occasion.

SEC. 6. The size of stone used shall be determined by the Lodge, or, when laid for other edifices, by the parties inviting the Lodge. In the center shall be a cavity, and it shall be made so as to admit of a tin box, which can be made to order for this occasion, and to receive the deposits.

SEC. 7. In all cases, when practicable, the stone must be laid in the northeast angle of the foundation or building.

SEC. 8. The lid or top of the stone shall be made fast by wire or heavy cords to a rope suspended from a crank or derrick, and raised and lowered with a rope adjusted by means of a block and tackle.

SEC. 9. The ceremony may be conducted by any competent past or acting officer of the Lodge, or any past or acting officer of either branch, the District Lodge or the Sub Committee of Management. When a Lodge contemplates laying a corner-stone, it shall be the duty of said Lodge to designate who shall be Master of Ceremonies by electing the officer of its choice for the position at a meeting which must be held prior to the time of laying the stone. The Master of Ceremonies shall have full control of the exercises, and shall be assisted by the V. G., N. G. and N. F. of the Lodge, or any other competent brothers selected by the Master of Ceremonies. The Lodge shall also elect at either a regular or called meeting, held prior to the day appointed for the demonstration, a Marshal from among its most competent members, or some well skilled brother of any other Lodge. If two or more Lodges participate, the Marshal of the Lodge laying the stone shall act as Chief Marshal. It shall be the duty of the Marshal to see that the regulations as to the dress and regalia of officers and members conform to the Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Lodge and those of the G. U. O. of O. F. He shall form the procession for parade at the Lodge room or place of meeting, and shall conduct the same from there to the place where the stone is to be laid; and after the ceremony is completed, the Marshal shall re-form the line and return to the place of meeting, where the procession will be dismissed.

SEC. 10. In every case where the Marshal gives orders or instructions, they shall be adhered to, respected and cheerfully obeyed.

SEC. 11. During the time the procession is being formed, or is proceeding to or returning from the place of laying the stone,

no member shall eat, smoke, or behave unbecomingly, or leave the line, except by permission of the Marshal, nor then except in case of illness.

REGULATIONS AS TO DRESS AND REGALIA.

SEC. 12. On this occasion the brothers' dress shall consist of black high dress hats, black coats and pants, black neckties, white vests and white gloves. The officers shall, in addition to their dress regalia, wear jewels. Each brother shall wear full dress regalia or a rosette of the highest degree that he is in possession of and entitled to wear, as per instructions in the Ritual and General Laws of the Order. The Chief Marshal shall carry a baton and wear a scarlet sash, worn from right to left, the same to be trimmed with gold fringe. His aids or assistants shall carry a baton and wear a blue sash trimmed with silver fringe. The right aid shall wear a sash from right to left; the left aid's sash shall be worn from left to right; and on occasions when dress regalias are not used, rosettes of the proper degree and color shall be worn.

SEC. 13. On the day appointed, the brethren of the Lodge, with such other Lodges, Past Grand Masters' Councils Patriarchies and officers as have been invited, shall assemble, neatly attired, as provided for in Section 12, at the Lodge room or place of meeting, at the time that has been previously agreed upon by the Lodge. The N. G. shall call the Lodge to order and request the brothers to be clothed in regalia; he shall then proceed to open the Lodge in due form. The Lodge being opened, the N. G. will state the object of the meeting. The N. F. will report if the arrangements are perfected, and present the small Bible and three goblets, one of which shall contain earth, one corn, and the other water. The N. G. shall designate three Past Officers to carry the goblets containing the earth, corn and water, and direct the Marshal to take charge and form the procession.

SEC. 14. The Master of Ceremonies and Marshal will give the members all needed instruction before leaving the Lodge, preparatory to proceeding to the place where the stone is to be laid.

FORM OF PROCESSION.

SEC. 15. The station of the Chief Marshal shall be at the head of the procession, and when the line is formed the right and left aids will bear orders or messages to the rear, and see to the protection and comfort of the brethren in the parade, and perform such other duties as may be required.

SEC. 16. When more than one Lodge is in line, the Lodge

that has the ceremony to perform shall march in the rear of all the others, and the other Lodges shall march according to their seniority in the Order.

SEC. 17. The following shall be the order of the procession of the visiting Lodges and the Lodge laying the stone:

ORDER OF PROCESSION.

- 1st.—Chief Marshal and Aids, mounted, right and left.
 - 2d.—Band.
 - 3d.—Patriarchies in regular order.
 - 4th.—Past Grand Masters' Councils.
 - 5th.—Band.
 - 6th.—P. N. G. with drawn sword, and Warden with staff.
 - 7th.—Banner.
 - 8th.—Members of the Initiatory Degree, 2 or 3 abreast.
 - 9th.—Members of the First Degree, 2 or 3 abreast.
 - 10th.—Members of the Second Degree, 2 or three abreast.
 - 11th.—Members of the Third Degree, 2 or 3 abreast.
 - 12th.—Members of the Fourth Degree, 2 or 3 abreast.
 - 13th.—Members of the Fifth Degree, 2 or 3 abreast.
 - 14th.—Members of the Sixth Degree, 2 or 3 abreast.
 - 15th.—Members of the Seventh Degree, 2 or 3 abreast.
 - 16th.—Worthy Chaplain with Holy Bible, opened at the second chapter of the First Epistle of Peter.
 - 17th.—Elective Secretary, Worthy Treasurer and Permanent Secretary.
 - 18th.—Vice Grand and Supporters.
 - 19th.—Noble Grand and Supporters.
 - 20th.—N. F., supported by two P. N. Fs. with drawn swords.
 - 21st.—P. N. Fs., 2 or 3 abreast.
 - 22d.—Guardian with drawn sword.
 - 23d.—The Lodge laying the corner-stone.
- The Lodge that is to perform the ceremony will march in the following order:
- 1st.—P. N. G. with drawn sword, and Warden with staff.
 - 2d.—Banner.
 - 3d.—Members of the Initiatory Degree, 2 or 3 abreast.
 - 4th.—Members of the First Degree, 2 or 3 abreast.
 - 5th.—Members of the Second Degree, 2 or 3 abreast.
 - 6th.—Members of the Third Degree, 2 or 3 abreast.
 - 7th.—Members of the Fourth Degree, 2 or 3 abreast.

- 8th.—Members of the Fifth Degree, 2 or 3 abreast.
- 9th.—Members of the Sixth Degree, 2 or 3 abreast.
- 10th.—Members of the Seventh Degree, 2 or 3 abreast.
- 11th.—Chaplain with Holy Bible, opened at the second chapter of First Epistle of Peter.
- 12th.—Elective Secretary, Worthy Treasurer and Permanent Secretary.
- 13th.—Vice Grand and Supporters.
- 14th.—Noble Grand and Supporters.
- 15th.—P. N. F. carrying a goblet containing earth, supported on right and left by a P. N. F. or any higher officer.
- 16th.—P. N. F. carrying goblet containing corn, supported by two Past Officers.
- 17th.—P. N. F. carrying goblet containing water, supported by two Past Officers.
- 18th.—N. F., supported by two P. N. F.'s with drawn swords.
- 19th.—P. N. F., 2 or 3 abreast.
- 20th.—Guardian.
- 21st.—Carriages containing Grand Officers and other distinguished officials.

On arriving at the place where the ceremony is to be held the procession will halt, and the Marshal will see that the line is opened to the right and left, so as to allow the Grand Officers and distinguished visitors and the rear to pass through in reversed order. At this time the Marshal and Guardian will head and lead the line of march to the platform.

The N. F., N. G., V. G., Master of Ceremonies, Grand Officers, Worthy Chaplain and Past Officers, with goblets will ascend the platform. The N. F., N. G. and V. G. will take their stations. The W. C. will advance and deposit the cushion with the Holy Bible on the Sacred Altar until required for use by the Master of Ceremonies. The Past Officers with the goblet will do likewise.

During this time the Patriarchies, Past Masters' Councils, and other Lodges will form a circle around the platform, and halt where the stone is to be laid. This, however, depends entirely upon the location where the ceremony is to be held.

All being seated, the N. G. will give several raps with his gavel, which will call the assembly to order, and as soon as silence is attained the Marshal shall proclaim the following:

 PROCLAMATION.

MARSHAL.—Hear ye all here assembled. By the authority in us vested and in obedience to the orders of..... Lodge No., G. U. O. of O. F., of the..... of on whose behalf I do now respectfully request all persons to preserve silence and observe due order during the exercises that will now take place.

The N. G. will give two raps with his gavel which will call the assembly to order, and the brethren on the platform up, the exercises shall commence.

CEREMONIES

The following shall be the order of exercises:

1st. The W. C. will read the first nine verses of the 96th Psalm.

2d. Singing the Hymn. (L. M.)

Before Jehovah's awful throne,
Ye nations bow with sacred joy;
Know that the Lord is God alone,
He can create, and He destroy.

We are His people, we His care,
Our souls and all our mortal fame;
What lasting honors shall we wear,
Almighty Maker, to Thy name?

Wide as the world is Thy command,
Vast as eternity Thy love;
Firm as a rock Thy truth shall stand
When rolling years shall cease to move.

3d. Then the following or some other appropriate prayer shall be offered:

O Lord, Thou who art the Supreme Architect of Heaven and earth; Thou who commanded and all obeyed; Thou who art the Eternal, Immortal, Invisible, and only wise God, we acknowledge Thy wisdom and all Thy goodness towards us. O Lord, we desire to give Thee thanks for all the rich mercies we have enjoyed. To Thee all glory and honor belong. Thy holy name should be praised at all times and on all occasions, and forever and ever. We acknowledge even at this moment our unworthiness to call upon Thee and to ask for our forgiveness. O gracious Father, we are weak, imperfect, and dependent creatures upon Thee. Pardon us of all our sins, make us more submissive to Thy will, increase our

faith in Thee, make us better, and teach us what Thou would have us to do. We most humbly ask Thy blessing upon the fraternity at large of which we are members. O Father, grant that the principles of this Order and the purposes for which it was established may be the cause of doing much good among our fellow-men. In tender sympathy look upon the widows and helpless orphans of the Order, the poor and needy, those who may be sick, and those who may be in distress. Command, we most humbly beseech Thee, Thy Holy Spirit to strive with the entire membership of this Order. May Thy blessings rest upon all, from the humblest in the Lodge to those who occupy the highest position in the Order. Draw them daily nearer to Thee, that Thy laws may be kept. Grant, we pray Thee, that all may be more faithful in rendering service to Thee, and that all the members of the Order may labor harmoniously in Friendship, Love and Truth, and when our labors on earth are over, grant that our spirits may be received and rest together in Thy forgiving smiles across the river where the surges cease to roll.

We ask that Thy favor rest upon this important undertaking. O God, grant as those who build upon this stone that each of us may by faith build upon that foundation stone the corner-stone laid by Thee in Zion, and that we may, by our deportment in this life, become participants around that throne in that building not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. We pray for Thy approval of our labors at his hour in laying this corner-stone. Grant unto us all that shall build upon the stone Thy protection, and give us all strength, wisdom and patience to continue until the building shall have been completed in every particular. May the lesson of friendship, so often taught, be practiced and demonstrated in the conduct of all that may be concerned. May the work of the laborers here employed go on with a spirit of brotherly love and a disposition of peace and good will to all mankind. Grant that it may rise from the very foundation by the power of knowledge and truth, and when the edifice shall have been completed may it be acceptable in Thy sight. Grant that Thy Holy Spirit, which is Love, and Thy Word, which is Truth, may be sought and found therein. We earnestly ask Thy blessings upon our country and all classes and conditions of its inhabitants. Again, O gracious Lord, remember us we pray; bless us individually and collectively with all that Thou seest is for our good; pardon our sins and redeem our souls, and around Thy throne we will ascribe all honor and glory to Thy name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Brothers respond: Praise the Lord for His mercy endureth forever. Give honors (three times three).

4th. The N. G. shall now request the N. F. to introduce the orator; if no orator has been selected then the Master of Ceremonies.

The brethren on the platform shall rise with the orator or Master of Ceremonies, but they shall not give the honors. *Only* the brethren forming the circle will go through with this part of the ceremony.

INTRODUCTORY.

N. F.—Worthy friends and brethren: We have assembled on this occasion for the purpose of laying a corner-stone for. (Here the speaker may adopt words suited to the occasion.) I now take pleasure in introducing Brother (state name of brother and his official title), the orator or Master of Ceremonies.

The N. G. will then give one rap with his gavel, which calls the brethren on the platform to seats.

The orator or Master of Ceremonies may use the following or some other more appropriate address:

Ladies and Gentlemen and

Officers and Members of the G. U. O. of O. F.

In accordance with an invitation from, we are present to-day, and in keeping with one of the established usages of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows in America, to lay a corner-stone for While there is no commandment or law to be found issued by our Creator requiring of us to render Him this service, nor neither is there any prescribed law of our country, National or State, that make or accord this an honor, or makes it the duty or the exclusive right to be performed by any particular organization, nevertheless we, as Odd Fellows, feel to say on our part that it is justly right and not out of place for a corner-stone to be laid. Now, while we may not be prepared to produce all the facts and link evidence as strong as some would require us to do, yet permit us to say that the custom of laying corner-stones is of very ancient origin and highly honorable. It is a practice that has been observed for centuries past. It comes down to us from generation after generation, and that, too, from a Scriptural point, so that it leaves no room for doubt upon the question. We find mention in Isaiah, in the language of our Lord: "Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner-stone; a sure foundation."

Again we find in the First Epistle of Peter wherein the apostle speaks of the corner-stone being built upon the foundation, etc. Here we find the Saviour of the world is compared as being the Chief Corner-stone. Thus you will perceive that the use of a foundation or a corner-stone is a real necessity, and that it is not a new idea of the builders of the present day. The custom or use of the stone, as before said, has been handed down to us from ancients of days gone by, and for specific reasons cannot wisely or prudently be dispensed with by the experienced workmen, not so much for the grandeur or formality of the manner in which it may be laid, or by whom laid, but for its actual usefulness and its great importance. When building it must be used in uniting the two corners of the walls of the foundation upon which the edifice is to rest; and when this part of the work is skilfully and properly performed by the workmen, and the stones being adjusted and cemented one upon another, gives support and strength to the building.

Then, as members of the G. U. O. of O. F. in America, an institution that is honorable, and one, too, that we should feel justly proud of, we are but dependent creatures upon a kind and merciful God, to whom we build and are indebted for our very existence, for the blessings of health and strength bestowed upon us, and for our maintenance. Therefore, it is proper that we, His creatures, should honor and adore His name, and through faith build on His promise. Now, before proceeding to lay this corner-stone and erect this edifice, we should ask His blessings, guidance, and protection. We, therefore, trust that His smiling favors may rest upon those that may here be engaged. Trusting that His Holy Spirit may abide with you, that every demand may be met, that every obstacle that appears may be removed, and that your anticipation in the completion of this edifice may be fully realized in the near future, for which object, then, the members of the G. U. O. of O. F. have met to-day upon this site, contemplating laying the corner-stone. But we are prompted before doing so to call your attention to the object of the G. U. O. of O. F., which is for the advancement of our common humanity in wisdom, virtue and happiness. Although it cannot be denied that this most important object has too often been lost sight of, yet it is a cheering fact that the professions of those who have at times abused our Order have always borne witness against themselves. A leading principle of our Order is its firm hope in the future, which, with all its teachings and ceremonies, inspires a hope founded on the progressive nature of man, looking forward to the time when love, not

fear, shall rule the human breast; when all who shall exist shall hail their fellow-men as brothers in the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. The Grand United Order of Odd Fellows makes no discrimination. We care not how widely our members may be divided in country, or manners, or opinions, wherever the Order has a Lodge established a worthy member may find a brother, and have a home. The object of the Order is to bless mankind by leading them gently from the fields of their daily occupations with the hand of friendship, teaching them the application of the golden rule, "Do unto others as you would they should do unto you, and to love their neighbors as themselves," thus endeavoring to unite all in the bonds of truth.

With these views its symbolism was established, and to every one entering its folds these principles are taught. The government of our Order, like that of our country, is republican in form, and rests upon universal suffrage. It is composed of three distinct bodies united in one. First, the election of Delegates from each Subordinate Lodge forms our District Lodges of Legislation. Second, the B. M. C., or general meetings, when in session, our Congress and highest tribunal. Third, the Sub-Committee of Management, and our Executive, are elected by the members, and instructed, authorized and empowered to carry out the laws and orders of the B. M. C., and to act for and in the name of the Order. Power without responsibility our Order will not permit. Holding an office without ability and integrity it does not tolerate. These principles are enforced in every branch of our Order. Having set forth the object and mode of government, a word to the uninitiated would not be out of place. He who would become a member of the G. U. O. of O. F., must first prove his moral fitness by submitting his character to the scrutiny of those with whom he wishes to associate; and if his character will not bear such a strict test, a rejection will, and must naturally follow. No Lodge can conscientiously neglect such a solemn and important duty without sinking into degradation and endangering its own existence.

In conclusion, brethren, let us renew our covenant with our God, and with the fraternity at large; striving to become more useful, wiser and better; to perpetuate the principles and extend the domain and influence of the G. U. O. of O. F. over the civilized world.

After the oration either of the following hymns may be used:

L. M.

Now, Friendship pure in lustre sheds
 Its sacred influence o'er our heads,
 And Love descending from above
 Meeks as a lamb, pure as a dove.

Reigns with great truth the mystic three,
 Both now and to eternity;
 May all our deeds forever be
 Cemented by sweet charity.

May discord never enter here,
 Nor drop in vain affliction's tear;
 While we our guarded homes employ
 In counsel sage, in mirth or joy.

C. M.

This corner-stone our weak hands lay,
 A temple here to build;
 And may it rise complete, we pray,
 And with Thy light be filled.

To Thee this temple we devote,
 Our Father and our God;
 Accept it thine, and seal it now,
 Thy spirit's blest abode.

Peace be within these sacred walls,
 Prosperity be here;
 Long smile upon Thy people, Lord,
 And evermore be near.

AFTER SINGING.

N. G.—Noble Father, why have we assembled here?

N. F.—Noble Grand, we have met to lay a corner-stone for
 (here state the name or kind of building.)

N. G.—Noble Father, you will request the company of the
 Vice Grand and Marshal, and ascertain whether the arrangements
 are completed.

[The N. F., V. G. and Marshal retire to the place where the stone
 is, and, if everything is in readiness, return and report, N. F., V. G. and
 Marshal standing before the Noble Grand.]

N. F.—Most Noble Grand, we have discharged the duty as-
 signed us, and find all the arrangements perfected. We now
 await your further pleasure.

N. G.—Thanks. Noble Father, please report to the Worthy
 Master of Ceremonies that our arrangements are completed, and

solicit the presence of himself and assistants to conduct the ceremony and lay the corner-stone.

[The N. F., V. G., and Marshal advance to the Master of Ceremonies.]

N. F.—Worthy Master of Ceremonies, _____ Lodge, No. —, G. U. O. of O. F., have perfected all arrangements, and our Most Noble Grand now awaits the arrival of yourself and assistants to lay the corner-stone for (here state the object).

Master of Ceremonies.—Noble Father, Vice Grand, and Worthy Marshal, you will inform the Most Noble Grand that I am ready, and await his pleasure. The N. F., V. G., and Marshal return to the N. G.

N. F.—Most Noble Grand, the Worthy Master of Ceremonies and his assistants are ready, and await your pleasure.

[The N. G. now gives three raps of his gavel, and says: "Officers and brothers, vacate your positions, and descend with us and our worthy Master of Ceremonies to lay the corner-stone. Marshal, please take charge of the brethren, and conduct them to the place where the stone is to be laid."]

The following will be the order:

Marshal and Guardian.

Master of Ceremonies and Assistants.

Worthy Chaplain with Bible, supported by a Past Officer on the right and left.

V. G. with vessel of earth and supporters.

N. G. with vessel of water and supporters.

N. F. with vessel of corn, supported by a P. N. F. on his right and left.

On reaching the place the officers will take positions as follows.

The Master of Ceremonies and his Assistants, with the N. G., in the northeast corner, the V. G. and Supporters in the west, the N. F. in the south, the W. C., W. T., E. S. and P. S., in the north corner

Whatever is intended to be deposited in the stone must be presented before this part of the ceremony takes place. As to what is necessary to be deposited, the following are highly appropriate: A small Holy Bible, with the name and number of the Lodge, a list of all the officers the date of the year and month the stone was laid, and for what purpose; also a list of all the members of the Lodge, a copy of the latest B. M. C. Report, a General Law, and a By-Laws of the Lodge; and any small piece of coin or metal that may be offered. The Permanent Secretary must make a correct list or statement of every article deposited. An extra list may be placed in the stone, but a true statement must be en-

tered upon the journal of the Lodge, with the proceedings of the day's meeting. The documents, etc., must be placed in the tin box, and then the tin box placed in the stone.

The stone must be placed in position by the contractor of the building, and the top must not be cemented. The derrick, etc., must be fixed in place ready for use. The top shall be raised and lowered by three motions each. The Master of Ceremonies, with two other Past Officers, by means of the rope, will first raise the top from the stone by a gradual motion and stop; then another motion and stop; then a third motion and stop—each time raising the top a few inches, until a sufficient height is obtained. Then secure the rope so that no interruption shall occur while the ceremony is in progress. During this part of the exercise the Supporters will stand with rods crossed. The Worthy Chaplain will now advance and read from the first to the sixth verse of the second chapter of the First Epistle of Peter. He will then present the small Bible.

Worthy Chaplain.—Worthy Master of Ceremonies, I present to you this Holy Bible, to be deposited in this stone. May those who shall occupy this edifice treasure up the teaching therein.

Master of Ceremonies.—Worthy Chaplain, I accept this Book—God's most Holy Word—which is the foundation of all Friendship, Love and Truth. May His Holy Spirit always direct, may His love always control, and His truth ever guide and abide with those who inhabit this place. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, I deposit this Holy Bible.

Brothers Respond.—Guide and abide with us forever.

The Worthy Treasurer advances and says: Worthy Master of Ceremonies, I here present these funds and valuables to be deposited in this stone.

Master of Ceremonies.—Worthy Treasurer, I accept of this offering and deposit the same. May those who shall frequent this edifice constantly increase and lay up treasures in heaven.

Brothers Respond.—So may it be.

Elective Secretary.—Worthy Master of Ceremonies, I present you with these laws of ——— Lodge, No. ———, of the G. U. O. of O. F.

Master of Ceremonies.—Worthy Elective Secretary, I accept these laws in behalf of those for whom this stone is laid, and do now deposit them. May all the affairs that shall be transacted in this building be founded upon the spirit of justice. May Friend-

ship and Peace reign within these walls supported by love and maintained by the power of Truth.

Brothers Respond.—The truth endureth forever.

Permanent Secretary.—Worthy Master of Ceremonies, I present this record of ——— Lodge, No. ———, which is a true statement of our transactions, and also a copy of the latest B. M. C. report. Deposit them in our behalf.

Master of Ceremonies.—Worthy Permanent Secretary, I accept these records, and deposit them as requested. May those for whom this edifice is being built every minute every transaction through life in the fear of God, without favor, prejudice, or partiality, for the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom.

[The brethren forming the circle will now unite hands. The Master of Ceremonies will now place the tin box in the cavity of the stone, and with a trowel spread the *cement upon the stone*, or cause the same to be done.]

Master of Ceremonies.—As this cement is spread upon the edges to unite these stones, so may the cement of Brotherly Love and Kindness bind us in the bonds of our social union; and may the love of our Father in heaven diffuse its influence among us, and at last, when our earthly labors are over, our faith being founded upon the Rock of Ages, may it bring us as living stones, made perfect through faith in His Kingdom—the house, the building not made with hands.

Brothers Respond.—So may it be.

[The top is then lowered by three gradual motions, the top properly adjusted, the brothers keeping time, raising and lowering their united hands likewise. The V. G., N. G., and N. F. in regular order present their vessels:]

1st. The V. G. takes the goblet with the earth and presents it to the Master of Ceremonies.

Master of Ceremonies.—In the name of Friendship, I lay this corner-stone, and scatter this earth thereon, typical of the extent, stability, and truthfulness of our Order, and in remembrance of this truth, from dust we were taken and unto dust we shall return. May the children of men and the inhabitants of this place, and those that shall use this edifice, seek and find favor in the sight of the Lord. May this building be used for good and honorable purposes in all the relations of life, for "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." Earnestly praying that this stone shall retain its place in this wall firm and undisturbed, and that those who assemble here may sustain and defend

the brotherhood, protect the widows, and provide for the orphans, may it be a home for the stranger, a refuge for the oppressed, and a resting-place for the weary.

Brothers Respond.—So may it be.

2d. The N. G. presents the goblet of corn.

Worthy Master of Ceremonies.—In the name of Love, and by the authority of the Sub-Committee of Management of the G. U. O. of O. F. in America, I deposit this corn in the earth upon this stone, typical of our admission into our ancient and honorable Order. As corn is a blessing bestowed for the preservation of health and strength, so may our laying this corner-stone and planting this corn in the foundation of this edifice be noted by the influence that shall result from its use when completed. And may it be as good seed planted in good ground, bringing forth much fruit to the elevation of mankind and to the glory and honor of God; even thirty, sixty, and an hundredfold. Labor not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you, for him hath God the Father sealed.

Brothers Respond.—Thirty, sixty, and an hundredfold.

3d. The N. F. presents the goblet of water.

Master of Ceremonies.—In the name of Truth and the united brotherhood of the G. U. O. of O. F., I lay this stone and sprinkle this earth and this corn with water, emblematic of the motives of our esteemed fraternity, and in remembrance of the promise made by the Great Jehovah to the patriarch Noah for his faith in Him when He declared that the inhabitants of the world should never again be destroyed by water. May the sign of this covenant—the Rainbow of Peace—always appear to all the children of men as well as the inhabitants of this edifice. May the dews of heaven rest upon them, the seed of peace be sown in their hearts and multiply, and their wearied spirits be refreshed by the water of life. May it be that His Kingdom shall be built up from this place, and may His honor and glory be shown and go forth until the end of time. I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, wholly acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Brothers Respond.—Until the end of time.

Master of Ceremonies.—(Striking the stone with the gavel three times.) I, _____, Master of Ceremonies, in behalf of _____ Lodge, No. _____, G. U. O. of O. F., of the city or town (as the case may be,) of _____, State of _____, do

solemnly declare this corner-stone laid in the foundation of the wall upon which is to be erected (here state the object and purpose), in due form according to the usages of the G. U. O. of O. F. in America, humbly praying that the corner-stone laid in Zion for the redemption of the children of men may be selected and built upon by the inhabitants of this world. May those for whom this stone is laid adhere to His promises. May the Friendship of God support, may the Love of His Holy Spirit reign, and the power and the wisdom of His everlasting Truth protect, support and save all those who believe in Him. Finally, brethren, adhere to the principles we profess, and rely upon the promises of the God of Peace, and He will keep and prosper you until the end of time.

Brothers Respond.—May God help, keep and prosper us until the end of time.

[The brethren will unite hands and form a circle, as nearly as possible, while the following is being sung, raising and lowering hands, keeping time with the music.]

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Master of Ceremonies.—Most Noble Grand, our exercises for the occasion are concluded. To you we commit the care of the work yet to be finished with the assistance of the brethren. We hope that success will crown your labors.

N. G.—Worthy Officers and Brethren, I thank you for your attendance. Worthy Chaplain, will you please dismiss the assembly?

[After which the Marshal will reform the procession and return to the place of meeting, and there be dismissed.]

JUDGE NOT.

BY JANE KAVANAGH.

Judge not your neighbor's heart, my friend,
By every idle jest
That falls from lips whose badinage
Is oft a mask at best—
Just worn to cover o'er dull care;
For many a joyless smile
May wreath the lips above the heart,
That's breaking all the while.

Judge not your neighbor's life, my friend,
 By what you only hear;
 Some idle gossip's thoughtless speech,
 Falls harshly on your ear—
 Some heedless, cruel babbler, who
 Can scarcely feel the pain
 He careless deals to aching hearts,
 Whose dearest hopes are slain.

Judge not your poor dead neighbor, friend,
 He is defenseless now;
 A silence that he cannot break,
 Is set on lip and brow.
 Perchance his feet have sometimes strayed
 O'er sin's dark, baleful way,
 Are you quite free from error, friend?
 Then judge him as you may.

Judge not so cold and harshly, friend,
 Leave judgment all to Him,
 Who for us all hung on the cross,
 Till sense and sight were dim.
 For sinful man He softly plead,
 Ere his dark hour was through—
 "Father, forgive them all," He said;
 "They know not what they do."

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR THE USE OF LODGES AND MEMBERS.

APPLICATION FOR THE DEGREE OF RUTH.

Sec. 1. Every Noble Grand desiring to receive the honor of wearing the emblem of the Household, but not connecting himself with the Household, shall present a recommendation from his Lodge as per form, enclosing the fee, which shall not be less than two dollars (\$2.00). At any regular convening of the Household, the recommendation shall be received and the honor conferred.

Sec. 2.

FORM OF RECOMMENDATION.

G. U. O. OF O. F.

To the Most Noble Governor and Worthy Inmates of.....
 Household of Ruth, No....., City of, State of

Greeting:

Lodge No....., City of, State of sends greeting, and does hereby certify that Bro. has been a member of this Lodge for the period of, has received the degree of Noble Grand, and having paid to date all indebtedness, we cordially recommend him to your honorable body, and request that you will confer upon him the honor of wearing the emblem

of the Household. In testimony whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and the seal of the Lodge, this day of, A. D. 19....

Yours in F., L. and T.,

(Seal)P. N. F.
N. G.
P. S.

(Enclosed please find \$2.00.)

Sec. 3. Immediately after initiation into any Lodge of the G. U. O. of O. F., the wife and other female relatives of such person shall be eligible to membership in the Household of Ruth, and they shall not be required to wait as heretofore until said member has advanced or taken any of the degrees of the Order. See Law 1, pages 33 and 34, Household Laws 1, 1887 edition, also General Laws 102.

Sec. 4. Every female eligible to membership, and every Noble Grand desiring admission to full membership in the Household, shall present through an Inmate, who shall sign it as a voucher, an application as per form, accompanied with a certificate of good health, from a regular physician, and the admission fee, as per the By-Laws of the Subordinate Household.

Sec. 5.

G. U. O. OF O. F.

To the M. N. G., Officers and Inmates of Household of Ruth, No....., of the City of, State of
 Greeting:

I hereby respectfully solicit the honor of admission to your honorable Household, promising a faithful and cheerful obedience to the Laws, Regulations and Ceremonies thereof.

Enclosed please find Doctor's Certificate and fee of \$....

Yours respectfully,

Signed
 Relation to a member of the Order.....
 Residence
 Date.....A. D. 18....

Voucher.....

In addition to the above, an N. G., or any qualified Brother, applying for the Degree, shall have a recommendation from his Lodge, as per section 2.

INFORMATION TO CANDIDATES DESIRING THE P. G. M.'S DEGREE.

Clause 1. Any P. N. F. desirous of becoming a member of a Past Grand Master's Council must produce a certificate from his Lodge, in the following form, signed by the four principal officers, testifying that he is clear on its books, and that he is a worthy Brother, has received the three Degrees and the Degree of Ruth, and obtained a recommendation of the Lodge at a regular meeting.

Clause 2.

P. N. F. CERTIFICATE.

To the P. G. N. Council No., Greeting:

Worshipful G. M. and Brothers: This may certify that P. N. F.

....., having paid to date all just demands against him in this Lodge, we, the officers of Lodge, No..... G. U. O. of O. F. at a regular meeting do especially recommend him to you in open Lodge as a worthy and esteemed Brother of our Lodge, who has received the "Three Degrees" and the "Degree of Ruth," to entitle him to take the august title of P. G. M. of your Council.

(Seal) N. F.
 N. G.
 V. G.
 (Attest) E. S.
 Dated....., 19.... P. S.

If for meritorious service state the nature of said service rendered.

Clause 3. All P. N. F.'s making application for membership to P. G. M. Council shall present aside from the regular certificate and fee as specified under Clause 2 and 3 of Law VI, a certificate from the Household to which he has been admitted, the same to be in the following form:

FORM.

To Officers and Members of P. G. M. Council, No., of the City of, comes Greeting:

This is to certify that Brother, who was duly recommended to us by..... Lodge, No, of the city, was at a regular meeting of Household of Ruth, No., of the city of, held on the evening of, 19...., was admitted to said Household and received the Degree of Ruth.

In witness whereof, we, the acting officers of Household, No....., append our names and affix the seal of our Household, this.....day of....., 19....

(Seal) M. N. G.
 W. R.

WARRANT.

Sec. 1. Application for a Warrant to open a Household shall be made to the S. C. of M. through the District Grand Lodge, for which they shall pay the sum of One Dollar to the District Grand Lodge and Ten Dollars to the S. C. of M. which sum shall be in full for Warrants, Rituals, and one dozen General Laws of the Household.

Sec. 2.

FORM OF APPLICATION.

To the Grand Master and Grand Secretary of the S. C. of M. of the G. U. O. of O. F.:
 Greeting:

We, the undersigned Officers and members of...Lodge, No., located at city of, State of, at a regular meeting heldday of....., 19...., being entitled to membership in the Household of Ruth, desiring to extend, strengthen and perpetuate the bonds of F., L. and T., respectfully petition your honorable body for a Warrant to open a Household of Ruth in the city of....., State of.....; we pledge a faithful adherence to the Laws, Regulations and Ceremonies of the Household.

Enclosed please find fee of Eleven Dollars (\$11.00). We have selected the following as our officers:

....., M. N. Gov.
 , R. N. Gov.
 , N. Gov.
 , W. Recorder.
 , W. Treasurer.

The following named brethren, Past Officers, were duly elected to open the Household of Ruth:

(Seal) , P. N. F.
 , P. N. F.
 , P. N. F.
 , P. N. F.
 , P. N. F.

Respectfully, in F., L. and T,

....., N. G.
 Dated....., P. S.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR WARRANT TO OPEN A P. G. M. COUNCIL.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of P. G. M. Council No., of the Patriarchal Order of Past Grand Masters of the G. U. O. of O. F. in America—Brotherly Greeting:

We, the undersigned, P. N. Fathers and members of....Lodge, No...., G. U. O. of O. F., located at.....in the State of....., having been members of the said.....Lodge and Order (here state the exact time of membership of the Order): having served in all the requisite offices in the Lodge and Order, and having received the Degree of Ruth and the Three Degrees and the regular Lectures, and being P. N. F.'s in the said.....Lodge, No...., of the G. U. O. of O. F., most respectfully petition your august body for a warrant to establish a P. G. M.'s Council of and in connection with the P. O. of P. G. M. Council of the G. U. O. of O. F. in America.

The said new Council to be located at.....in the State of

Promising a faithful and cheerful obedience to all the laws, regulations and ancient usages of the P. O. of P. G. M.'s Councils of G. U. O. of O. F.

We have chosen the following named Brothers as our first officers: (Here state name in full.)

....., M. W. G. M.
 , D. G. M.
 , G. Sec'y.
 , G. Treas.
 , G. Chap.
 , G. Warden.
 , G. Guardian.
 , G. Sick Agent.

(Here state the name, age, occupation and residence of each member.)

Please find enclosed the sum of fifteen (15) dollars.

Yours fraternally. in F. L. and T.

Date....., 19....

THE DUTY AND QUALIFICATION OF AN ADVOCATE.

The duty and qualification of an Advocate of a Lodge, is defined on pages 1, 2 and 3 of the First Quarterly Circular April, 1886, in the decision rendered by the Grand Director, W. C. Costin. We, in brief, annex the same. A brother elected to the office of Advocate in a Lodge shall be no other than a P. N. F. Lodges electing an Advocate should elect a brother who has familiarized himself thoroughly with the Laws of our Order; and that he shall not hold any other office in the Lodge during the term for which he was elected to serve as Advocate.

The Advocate of a Lodge is not simply the attorney of parties outside of the Lodge, but it makes him the medium through whom all charges must be presented to the Lodges, whether the parties be members of the Lodge and Order, or non-members of the Lodge and Order.

All charges of every kind must be submitted to him from every and all sources, and he must sign and cause the same to be read in the Lodge according to law. He must see that the papers submitted are properly made out and signed by the complainants in the case, and that the trial is conducted in accordance with the laws of the G. U. O. of O. F.

A brother holding the honorable office of Advocate in his Lodge does not make him judge and jury in a case when a charge is presented; his duty is plainly laid down in the law, and must not be misconstrued; he must, as we have already stated, be one well versed in the Laws of our Order, and must sign a charge before it is presented; he must conduct the prosecution of the case, and see that the facts upon which the prosecution relies are properly presented to the trial committee.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR PERMANENT SECRETARIES.

With every application for a new Lodge, the Permanent Secretary shall forward two money orders to the D. G. S., with the papers, one order for two dollars (\$2.00), payable to the D. G. S., and the other order for twelve dollars and fifty cents (\$12.50), payable to the G. S. of the S. C. of M.; with every application for a Household of Ruth the Permanent Secretary should forward two money orders, one for one dollar, payable to the D. G. S., and the other for ten dollars, payable to the G. S. of the S. C. M.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR THREE DEGREE LECTURE BOOKS AND CONFIRMATION OF DEGREE LECTURERS.

To the Sub-Committee of Management, G. U. O. of O. F.:

This comes greeting and respectfully sheweth that at a regular meeting of.....Lodge, No., of the G. U. O. of O. F., located at the.....of.....State of.....having been opened eighteen months, do hereby certify that at a regular Lodge meeting held on the.....day of....., 19...., the undersigned brethren, Past Officers of our Lodge, were duly elected the Degree and Deputy Degree Lecturers—to wit:

A. B. Degree Lecturer.

C. D. Deputy Degree Lecturer.

We respectfully ask your honorable body to confirm the same and grant us the Three Degree Lectures.

Please find enclosed three (3) dollars for the Lecture Books.

Yours in F., L. and T.,

(Seal)

.....N. G.
.....P. S.

.....day of....., 19....

FORM OF CHARGES, APPEALS ETC.

The person or Lodge bringing the charge shall endorse on the back of the charge the names of the witnesses and their places of residence before presenting it to the Advocate. Immediately upon the receipt of the charge the Advocate shall sign and cause it to be read in his Lodge; such charge to be in the following form:

The undersigned.....of.....Lodge No.... do hereby charge Brother.....of your Lodge with conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow. That is to say, the said brother did on theday ofA. D. 19.... (here state fully what the member did), contrary to the laws, usages and regulations of the Order.

Yours in F., L. and T.

Witnesses: (Person bringing the charge sign here.)

Name of witnesses. Residence, State, city, date and month.

NOTICE TO MEMBER CHARGED.

Brother.....

You are hereby notified that at..... meeting of.....Lodge, No.... held on the..... of the.....of.....19.... a charge was preferred against you by.....for (Here state the charge in full.)

The said charge was received and referred to the following brothers:

..... who were elected the Trial Committee, before whom you are hereby summoned and notified to appear, with your witnesses and all other evidence, on the.....of.....of.....19.... at.....o'clock, at No.street, to answer said charge.

Yours fraternally,

(Lodge Seal)

Date.

.....N. G.

.....Adv.

.....P. S.

(Any person as a witness for a trial or any investigation, whether they be a member of the Order or not, must be summoned by the parties in whose behalf their evidence is required.)

VERDICT OF TRIAL COMMITTEE.

To the N. G., Officers and Members of.....

Lodge, No....

Greeting:

The Trial Committee to whom was referred for investigation the charge of Brother.....respectfully report, that after hearing the evidence and after a careful examination of all books and papers in the charge (as the case may be), we find Brother..... (guilty or not guilty, as the case may be) and fix his punishment at.....

Date.

.....
Committee.

APPEALS, WHEN TAKEN AND HOW MADE.

Sec. 1. Either of said parties desiring to appeal from the decision rendered, shall have the right to appeal to the next nearest Lodge in the jurisdiction in which the cause of action originates, and shall within twenty days from the rendering of the decision make out an appeal in the following form:

APPEAL.

.....Appellant.

.....Appellee.

At the request of.....
To.....Lodge, No....

Be it remembered, that heretofore—to wit: On the.....
day of....., A. D. 19...., a charge was preferred against Bro.....,
of.....Lodge, by Bro....., of.....Lodge, for.....,
and the same was referred to a committee for trial, and they returned
a verdict of.....and the Lodge did thereafter.....said
verdict.

Now, I do hereby solemnly appeal from said decision to.....
Lodge, No...., upon the following grounds, to wit:.....
.....
.....
.....

Appeal signed and sealed this.....day of.....19....

.....Advocate.

(Or defendant, as the case may be.)

.....N. G.

.....P. S.

(Seal of Lodge.)

And deliver it to the P. S. of the Lodge rendering the decision,
and the said N. G., and P. S. shall then sign and seal said appeal and
attach the charge, verdict of the committee, and all papers in the case,
and return them to the person appealing, who shall within twenty
days thereafter, deliver them to the Lodge to which the appeal is
taken, together with the sum of one dollar (\$1.00).

FORM OF CREDENTIALS.

To the Grand Master and Secretary of the S. C. M. of the G. U. O. of
Greeting:—We, the undersigned, acting officers of.....
O. F. in America.

Lodge, No...., do hereby certify, that at a regular Lodge meeting,
held on the evening of the.....of.....Brother.....was duly
elected the Delegate to represent our Lodge at the B. M. C., to be held
in the.....of.....on the.....day of.....next, ensuing.

In witness whereof we hereunto subscribe our names and affix the
seal of our Lodge, this.....day of.....19....

.....N. G.

(Seal)

.....P. S.

APPLICATION FOR A DISPENSATION TO FORM A NEW LODGE.

Date,.....19....

To the Sub-Committee of Management,

G. U. O. of O. F. in America:

.....Lodge, No...., sends Greeting:

And respectfully sheweth, that at a regular meeting, held at their

Hall.....an application was received from:

.....P. N. F.
N. F.
P. N. G.
N. G.
V. G.
W. T.
Advocate.
W. C.
E. S.
P. S.

Insert here the names of those elected for Officers for the new Lodge.

P. O. address.....
 and.....other gentlemen to open a new Lodge, to be known as.....
Lodge, No..... to be located at the city of.....
 county of.....State of..... After due investigation thereof, according to the laws, we cheerfully recommend to your favorable consideration said application.

Enclosed please find the application, report of Committee of Investigation, and \$12.50.

Yours in F. L. and T.,N. G.
P. S.

FORM OF APPLICATION OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Sec. 11.

Date,, 19....

To the Officers and Members of.....Lodge,
 No...., G. U. O. of O. F., Greeting:

We, the members of.....Association, prompted by the moral and social influence of your ancient fraternity, and the careful consideration of your General Laws, respectfully petition your honorable body for a Dispensation to open a new Lodge of, and in connection with your honorable Order, promising a cheerful and faithful compliance with the General Laws and ancient usages.

The said new Lodge to be known as.....Lodge,
 No...., G. U. O. of O. F., located at.....
 of.....We have chosen the following named gentlemen as our first officers.

.....P. N. F.
N. F.
P. N. G.
N. G.
V. G.
W. T.
Advocate.
W. C.
E. S.
P. S.

(Insert P. O. Address of P. S.)

Please find enclosed the amount of twenty-seven dollars (\$27.00).

Respectfully yours,

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In order to secure uniformity in these reports, they shall be made out by each Lodge, for each year, commencing with the first day of August, and ending with the 31st day of July, and the following shall be the form of such reports:

ANNUAL REPORT

Of.....Lodge, No., G. U. O. of O. F.
of the.....of.....State of.....

From August 1st, 19...., to July 31st, 19....

Total Number of Members at Last Report.....
 " " Members at Date.....
 " " Financial
 " " Non-Financial
 " " Initiated
 " " Reinstated
 " " Admitted by Card.....
 " " Withdrawn
 " " Suspended
 " " Expelled
 " " Forfeited
 " " Past Officers
 " " Brothers Relieved
 " " Brothers Buried
 " " Widows Relieved
 " " Orphans Relieved
 Amount Paid for Sick.....\$
 " " Funerals
 " " Widows
 " " Orphans
 " " Charitable Purposes
 " " Other Objects
 Whole Amount Paid Out.....
 Amount Invested
 Value of Property
 Balance in Funds.....
 Whole Amount in Funds, Property and Invested.....

Signed.....N. G.

(Seal)

.....Sec'y.

Any Lodge neglecting or refusing to furnish such report, on or before the first day of August, with the address of the Permanent Secretary attached, to the Sub-Committee of Management, shall be fined five dollars (\$5.00), payable to and to be collected by the S. C. of M.; such fines to be added to the general funds of the Order. In all cases these reports must be registered, addressed to the Sub-Committee of Management, G. U. O. of O. F.

FORM OF PROGRAM FOR THANKSGIVING SERVICES.

The second Sunday in May of each year shall be duly observed by the members and Lodges of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows in America as a day of Thanksgiving, by having a religious service in a church or hall in the various cities and towns throughout this jurisdiction.

(State whether Church, Hall or Lodge Room.)

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE OF THE GRAND
UNITED ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS IN
AMERICA. HELD AT

PROGRAMME.

- (a). Give names and addresses of members and officers of Sub-Committee of Management.
- (b). Give names and addresses of officers of District Grand Lodge.
- (c). Give names of officers and members of the committee selected to make arrangements for the service.
- (d). Give names of Preacher, Orator, Master of Ceremonies, Grand Marshal, Aides, Ushers, and such others who are to contribute to the programme and success of the service.

1. ORGAN VOLUNTARY.

(The voluntary is played while the Members are entering the church.
When all have gotten into their positions—CALL DOWN.)

2. The Master of Ceremonies rises and says: Members and Friends: In accordance with a long established custom, and in compliance with the general law of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows in America which reads thus: "The second Sunday in May of each year shall be duly observed by the members of the Lodges of the G. U. O. of O. F. in America as a day of Thanksgiving by holding a religious service in the church or hall in the various cities and towns throughout this jurisdiction," we have assembled at this hour.

I do now most respectfully request all persons present to observe due order during the exercises that are about to take place.

3. SING—CORONATION HYMN.

(CALL UP.)

All hail the power of Jesus' name,
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe,
On this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall;
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all.

4. PRAYER.....By the Minister in Charge or Pastor
(CALL DOWN.)
5. SCRIPTURE READING.....Selected by the Minister
6. SING—ODD FELLOWS' OPENING ODE.

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love,
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne,
We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
Our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes,
Our mutual burdens bear;
And often for each other flows,
The sympathizing tear.

When we asunder part,
It gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be joined in heart,
And hope to meet again.

7. RESPONSIVE READING.

Master of Ceremonies—Praise ye the Lord. O give thanks
unto the Lord; for He is good; His mercy endureth for-
ever.

All Respond Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within
me, bless His holy name.

M. C.—O give thanks unto the Lord; call upon His name; make
known His deeds among the people.

All—O that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and
for His wonderful works to the children of men.

M. C.—Blessed is every one that feareth the Lord; that walk-
eth in His ways.

All—O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before

the Lord our Maker.

(All kneel and repeat the Lord's prayer in unison.—RISE.)

M. C.—Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye people.

All—Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing.

M. C.—Enter into His gates with thanksgiving; and into His courts with praise; be thankful unto Him and bless His name.

All—For the Lord is good, His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endureth to all generations.

M. C.—Praise the name of the Lord, for His name alone is excellent, His glory is in all the earth and heaven.

All—Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice, and let the men say among the nations, the Lord reigneth.

M. C.—Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, sing forth the honor of His name, and make His praise glorious.

All—Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.

Sing: Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow,

Praise Him all creatures here below,

Praise Him above ye Heavenly Host,

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

(The Master of Ceremonies introduces the Minister. The Order gives appropriate honors, and are called down.)

8. THE THANKSGIVING SERMON.....By the Minister

9. PRAYER.....By any Minister or Chaplain

10. THANKSGIVING OFFERING, OR COLLECTION.

(Music by Choir.)

11. The address of Odd Fellowship may be delivered here, or before the Sermon if the Minister desires it.

12. QUERIES AND ANSWERS.

M. C.—Why do we call our Order Grand?

All—Because its principles are grand and noble. Founded upon the Holy Word of God.

M. C.—What is its Motto?

All—Friendship, Love and Truth.

M. C.—How long has Odd Fellowship had its organized existence?

All—For more than a hundred years.

M. C.—When and where was the first Lodge of our Order established in America.

All—Mar. 1, 1843, in New York City.

M. C.—By whom, and by what authority?

All—Past Grand Master, Peter Ogden; by virtue of a warrant granted to him through Victoria Lodge, No. 448, at Liverpool, England.

M. C.—Into how many branches is the G. U. O. of O. F. in America divided?

All—Five; Lodges,, Households, Councils, Patriarchs, and Juveniles.

M. C.—Who are eligible to membership in this Order?

All—All persons of good character, without regard to race or color.

M. C.—How is the Order governed?

All—By its laws and eight grand officers elected by the entire membership.

M. C.—This Order must include a vast army of men, women and children.

Ans.—Yes; fully half a million.

M. C.—Then Odd Fellowship must spend a great sum of money?

Ans.—It pays out to its sick and distressed, its widows and orphans, more than a quarter of a million dollars annually.

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

14. CLOSING ODE.

Brothers, ere we depart,
 Let us join hand and heart,
 In this our cause.
 May our next meeting be
 Blessed with sweet charity
 Honor and secrecy,
 Odd Fellows all.
 United hand and hand,
 Long may our friendly band
 Deserve applause.
 May all Odd Fellows be
 Famed for sincerity,
 Still may prosperity
 Attend our cause.

BENEDICTION.

 THE ODD FELLOWS' LEGEND.

Up with our banner! A standard more fair
 Never flashed in the sunlight or waved in the air;
 A precept more holy never came from above,
 Than the beautiful legend—Truth, Friendship and Love.
 Truth! soul of creation, first essence of Him
 Who called world after world from the limitless dim.
 Oh, still be thine influence first in the soul,
 And its thoughts turn to Thee as the steel to the pole.
 Sweet Friendship! thine altar erect in the heart,
 For the world is more lovely wherever thou art:
 Pale sickness and want never enter thy door,
 And thy pathway is blessed by the prayer of the poor.
 Love! mightiest, holiest power of heaven,
 To Friendship and Truth be thy influence given;
 With them o'er the earth spread thy glorious reign,
 'Till Paradise blooms in full splendor again.
 Up, up with our banner! 'tis guiltless of blood,
 It floats not in flight o'er a corpse-covered sod;
 But as fair as the olive as mild as the dove,
 Bears onward forever, Truth, Friendship and Love.
 Down the vista of ages our banner shall wave—
 The strength of the feeble, the pride of the brave;
 Wherever opposition and tyranny trod
 The Goddess of Peace rears the flag of the Odd,
 Then hurrah for our banner! each image of God
 Will breathe a "good speed" to the flag of the Odd,
 And prizing its legend all others above,
 Spread over creation, Truth, Friendship and Love.

—Popular Odd Fellow.

 SUPPLEMENT.

Article I.

1893-1894.

During the years 1893-94 there were three hundred and thirty-nine (339) new branches opened. \$2,4026.90 were received by the S. C. of M. for taxes and supplies, and the surplus fund increased from \$5.49 to \$10,309.31. Instead of having to borrow money at exorbitant rates as the last S. C. of M. were forced to do, the Order has ever since carried a large surplus fund in its treasury.

At the seventh B. M. C., held in Boston, Mass., Oct. 2nd to 6th, 1894, the long disputed question between the S. C. of M. and individual members concerning the right of private members to publish a History of the Order was decided in favor of the latter. This B. M. C. was remarkable for several things which took place. The meeting convened in Faneuil Hall, "The Cradle of Liberty," and was welcomed by the

Hon. Frederick M. Greenhalge, Governor of Massachusetts, in a fervent and inspiring address. A proposition limiting the service of all members of the S. C. of M. to two terms in the same position (the Grand Secretary excepted) was adopted. The Grand Master's salary was fixed at \$600.00 per annum; Past District Masters were added to the list of life members in the District Grand Lodges, and authority was granted the S. C. of M. to establish a printing office with Hon. Jno. S. Durham as editor and manager.

J. Madison Vance, Esq., a distinguished young lawyer from New Orleans, La., delivered the B. M. C. oration.

The most important social incident of the meeting was the invitation extended by the city of Boston, through the Mayor, to all visiting Patriarchies for a sail down the harbor to Deer Island, to inspect the city prison and partake of a luncheon prepared at the expense of the city.

The following is the invitation extended by the City of Boston, Mass.:

To the Visiting Patriarchies at the Seventh B. M. C.:

CITY OF BOSTON.

HIS HONOR, THE MAYOR,

invites the visiting Patriarchies, G. U. O. of O. F., to a sail down the harbor, under the auspices of Boston Patriarchy No 4, on Friday, Oct. 5, 1894.

The Steamer F. Putnam Bradlee will leave Eastern Avenue Wharf at 2 o'clock P. M.

The hospitality of the brethren and citizens of Boston could not have been excelled. The parade was excellent; the ball was grand. The exhibition drill by the Patriarchies was truly inspiring. Each company did well, but the Georgetown, D. C., Patriarchy, under the command of Capt. Jos. C. Beckett, carried away the palm.

Two hundred and fifty Patriarchies and friends accepted the invitation and were magnificently entertained at a dinner that cost \$600.00. Grand Secretary Brooks was chosen to return the thanks of the guests to the Mayor for the distinguished consideration paid the military branch of our Order. The Superintendent responded in behalf of the city, and after several other short addresses the party returned to the city, filled with pride and praises for the first city on the American continent that recognized the universal family of man. Surely it was an historical incident.

The Seventh B. M. C. took a long forward stride.

The Sub-Committee of Management elected for 1895-96 were as follows:

Grand Master, James F. Needham, of Philadelphia, Pa.

Deputy Grand Master, Charles B. Wilson, New Orleans, La.

Grand Secretary, Charles H. Brooks, of Paducah, Ky.

Grand Treasurer, R. M. Smith, of Hampton, Va.

Grand Directors, John Harmon, of Montgomery, Ala.; H. L. Holmes, of Arlington, Va.; D. A. Clark, of Washington, D. C.; William Catlin, of Monongahela, Pa.

Indianapolis, Ind., was chosen as the place of meeting for the eighth B. M. C., October, 1896.

VISIT OF GRAND MASTER RICHARD HILL-MALE, OF ENGLAND.

During this term, and for the first time in the history of our Order, we were visited by the Grand Master of the Order in England, in the person of Captain Richard Hill-Male.

Grand Master Hill-Male arrived in the city of New York June 20, 1894, and was met, as was previously arranged, by the Sub-Committee of Management, by Grand Master W. M. T. Forrester, in company with P. W. G. M., Joseph R. Magill, the Secretary of Philomathean Lodge, No. 646, (the first Lodge instituted in America), who was also chairman of the Committee of Arrangements for the Order in New York city.

The Grand Master was received with all due honors by the Odd Fellows of the city of New York, who tendered him a reception at Tammany Hall the same evening.

From New York, he visited the cities of Baltimore, Md.; Washington, D. C., the Capital of the United States, where Grand Master Hill-Male was received by the President of the United States. From Washington he visited the cities of Richmond, Va.; Chicago, Ill.; Pittsburg, Pa.; Boston, Mass., and Philadelphia, Pa. In the city of Philadelphia, Pa., the headquarters of the Order in America, Grand Master Hill-Male was received by the Sub-Committee of Management and welcomed in behalf of the Order by Deputy Grand Master Charles B. Wilson, in a very excellent and appropriate manner. In a short beautiful response the Grand Master of England presented the Order in America, through the Sub-Committee of Management, an engraved letter of greeting from the Odd Fellows of England.

Article II.

1895-1896.

Four hundred and forty-four (444) new branches were instituted during the term of the Forty-fifth Sub-Committee of Management. The State of Georgia alone receiving seventy-one Warrants for new branches, and North Carolina thirty-six. The Order was first introduced into Hayti and Utah during this term. The war in Cuba caused the disbandment of all our Lodges on that Island, but now (1902) steps are being taken to reorganize them.

The Eighth B. M. C. convened in Masonic Hall, Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 6, 1896. Two hundred and fifty (250) delegates were present.

The Grand Secretary's report showed the strength of the Order to be as follows:

The estimates are based upon annual returns received up to August 31, 1896:

Whole number of Lodges in good standing.....	2,047
Whole number of Households in good standing.....	959
Number of P. G. M. Councils in good standing.....	173
Number of Patriarchies in good standing.....	88
Number of District Grand Lodges in good standing.....	36

Total Active Branches.....	3,303
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Estimated number of members in Lodges.....	118,500
Estimated number of members in Households.....	31,000
Estimated number of members in Councils.....	3,937
Estimated number of members in Patriarchies.....	2,100

Total membership in all Branches.....	155,537
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Whole number of Brothers and Sisters relieved for the term.....	11,851
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Whole number of Widows and Orphans relieved for the term.....	4,346
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Whole number buried during the years '95-'96...	1,434
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Amount paid to sick during years '95-'96.....\$	198,423.82
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Amount paid out for funerals.....	96,400.47
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Amount paid to widows, orphans and charity...	40,360.29
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Whole amount invested, property and funds....	1,867,597.94
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This B. M. C. elected Prof. J. McHenry Jones, of West Virginia, the fraternal delegate to the A. M. C. in England. He was the first delegate ever sent over to England by the Order. Since then Grand Secretary Chas. H. Brooks was sent over

in 1900, and Grand Master Edw. H. Morris in 1902. The Biennial oration in 1896 was delivered by P. G. M. Thos. H. Wright, of Washington, D. C.

The Eighth B. M. C. changed the day of annual Thanksgiving service from the first Sunday in March to the first Sunday in May; voted to give each Lodge a certain number of copies of the revised laws; granted the right of appeal to the B. M. C.; approved the proposition of the Grand Household to establish Juvenile Societies and District Households; and fixed permanent salaries for the officers of the Sub-Committee of Management.

Sub-Committee of Management for 1897 and 1898:

Grand Master, Jas. F. Needham, Philadelphia, Pa.

Deputy Grand Master, Chas. B. Wilson, New Orleans, La.

Grand Secretary Chas. H. Brooks, Paducah, Ky.

Grand Treasurer, R. M. Smith, Hampton, Va.

Grand Directors, Edw. H. Morris, Chicago, Ill.; Benj. T. Thornton, Indianapolis, Ind.; David A. Clark, Washington, D. C.; Lucius L. Lee, Atlanta, Ga.

St. Louis, Mo., was chosen as the place for the meeting of the B. M. C. in 1898.

Article III.

1897-1898.

This Board granted six hundred and sixty-five (665) Warrants for new branches during the term. The District Grand Lodge in Liberia, Africa, received its Warrant July 12, 1897. During this term the Lodges among the soldiers of the regular army were all disbanded on account of the war between Spain and the United States. Notwithstanding this serious loss, there was a general increase both in the membership and in the fund of the Order. The printing plant was established Feb. 1, 1897, with P. G. M., Jno. C. Asbury, Editor and Manager.

The Ninth B. M. C. met at St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 4, 1898. Two hundred and eighty-nine delegates (289) were in attendance.

Hon. Jno. C. Dancy, now Recorder of Deeds, at Washington, D. C., delivered the biennial oration.

The first Juvenile Warrant was granted to Household of Ruth, No. 29, Washington, D. C., Sept. 13, 1897.

The B. M. C. enacted the following:

- (a) General laws 17, 34, 7, 112 were repealed.
- (b) S. C. of M. empowered to accept indemnity bonds from Guarantor Companies.
- (c) Editor and Manager of Odd Fellows' Printing Plant to give \$2,500.00 bond, and to be paid a salary of \$1,000.00 per annum.
- (d) S. C. of M. to be legally styled "The Sub-Committee of Management of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows in America, a Corporation."

The S. C. of M. chosen for 1899 and 1900 were:

Grand Master, Edw. H. Morris, Chicago, Ill.

Deputy Grand Master A. B. Lattimore, Boston, Mass.

Grand Secretary Chas. H. Brooks, Paducah, Ky.

Grand Treasurer, J. E. Reed, Cleveland, Ohio.

Grand Directors, Lucius L. Lee, Atlanta, Ga.; Benj. T. Thornton, Indianapolis, Ind.; Geo. E. Temple, St. Louis, Mo.; T. R. W. Jackson, Mobile, Ala.

J. C. Asbury was elected Editor and Manager of the Odd Fellows' Journal

Louisville, Ky., was chosen for the next place of meeting in October, 1900.

Article IV.

1899-1900.

During this term seven hundred and forty-four (744) dispensations and Warrants were granted for the establishment of new branches. The funds of the Order, in the custody of the S. C. of M., had now increased to \$33,898.93. The Tenth B. M. C. met at Louisville, Ky., Oct. 2, 1900. The biennial oration was delivered by Prof. J. McHenry Jones, of Wheeling, W. Va.

This B. M. C. enacted the following laws:

- (a) The Opinions of the S. C. of M. to be published in book form for the use of the Order.
- (b) The General Laws to be revised and annotated.
- (c) Members to be privileged to wear the regalia of their highest degree when attending meetings of their subordinate Lodge.
- (d) The day of Thanksgiving Service was changed to the second Sunday in May.
- (e) The Rituals of the Order to be revised and brought into harmony.
- (f) Any female of proper age, health and morals is eligible to membership in the Household of Ruth.

(g) The S. C. of M. to meet semi-annually in January and July, respectively.

The following were chosen to constitute the S. C. of M. for the term 1901-1902:

Grand Master, Edw. H. Morris, Chicago, Ill.

Deputy Grand Master, L. L. Lee, Atlanta, Ga.

Grand Secretary Chas. H. Brooks, Paducah, Ky.

Grand Treasurer, J. E. Reed, Cleveland, Ohio.

Grand Directors, Geo. E. Temple, St. Louis, Mo.; T. R. W. Jackson, Mobile, Ala.; E. E. Fluker, Pine Bluff, Ark.; N. A. Anderson, Vicksburg, Miss.

Jno. C. Asbury, of Norfolk, Va., was elected Editor and Manager of the Odd Fellows' Journal. New London, Conn., was chosen as the place for the meeting of the Eleventh B. M. C., in October, 1902.

Grand Director Benj. T. Thornton died June 18, 1900. June 30, 1900, ex-Grand Secretary David B. Bowser passed away. He served the Order faithfully for thirty-two years as Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Director and Grand Secretary. Grand Director E. E. Fluker died June 8, 1901. P. G. M., L. N. Porter, of Little Rock, Ark., was elected to fill the vacancy on the Board, and N. V. P., Frank H. Leavens, of Mobile, Ala., was elected to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Grand Director T. R. W. Jackson, who died June 18, 1901.

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